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Former building director sues county for wrongful termination

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Carol Wieber, recently fired as the Crawford County Building and Zoning Director, is the latest in a growing number of persons to file a law suit against Crawford County.

Wieber's attorneys William Carey and Kathleen Kaufman filed the suit in late January claiming wrongful discharge, failure to provide due process, breach of duty in violation of rights under the Building Code of Crawford County, age discrimination and gender discrimination.

In each charge, the suit reads, "Plaintiff (Wieber) has suffered and continues to suffer damages in excess of the jurisdictional amount, including, but not limited to: a) lost wages; b) loss of health insurance benefits; c) loss of retirement benefits; d) expenses involved in seeking other suitable employment; e) mental and emotional anguish; and f) attorneys fees."

As reported in the Thursday, Nov. 16 edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, Wieber was terminated from her position on Oct. 31. The action followed Wieber's refusal to

come before the Crawford County board of Commissioners on two separate occasions to discuss a medical problem which had kept her off the job for more than 90 days. On one occasion, the board allowed Carey to represent her. One the second occasion Carey forwarded a letter stating Wieber could not be expected to report to the board on short notice.

In an interview with Commissioner John Hartman at that time, he said the board had made several efforts to contact Wieber to discuss her medical condition, "so we could decide what to do with the Building and Zoning Department," Hartman said. "No board member wanted to discuss her situation without her."

When the information the board requested did not come, Wieber was fired.

The suit specifies several reasons why Wieber was qualified to be the department director and says that under the county's building code she could not be removed from office, "except for cause and after a full opportunity to be heard on specific and relevant charges."

It claims Wieber was not provided any reason for her termination, nor was a reason provided in her official termination report. The suit also states that Wieber, 62 at the time of her firing, was replaced by a younger man, who is being paid a larger salary for doing the same job she did despite her diligent, competent and faithful performance over a number of years.

In claiming age and gender discrimination, the suit cited the

Civil Rights Act which provides: "An employer shall not fail or refuse to hire, or recruit, or discharge, or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to employment, compensation, or a term, condition, or privilege of employment, because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status."

Although a dollar figure is not included in Wieber's request for awards, the suit asks for a decision in her favor and awards of compensatory and punitive damages, reasonable attorney fees and "such other and further relief as the court may deem proper."

McManus releases report on state land ownership policies

One of the most comprehensive reports assembled in recent years on Michigan's state land ownership and acquisition policies was released to the public on Monday in Cadillac, by State Senator George McManus (R-Traverse City), chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Public Land Ownership, Purchase and Management.

"This report provides a benchmark on where Michigan is with its land ownership and acquisition policies," McManus said. "Most importantly, because it is the product of public hearings, it reflects the opinions and concerns of average citizens. It is an outstanding resource that provides a firm foundation for future state land acquisition and management."

The report capsulates the broad variety of testimony received by the Select Committee at four public hearings and in writing. It advocates five principle policy changes based on the consensus of the testimony received:

"The state must realize that there are significant other resources beyond those available at the state level that can play key roles in state land

management practices.

"There must be greater flexibility in state programs to allow for shifts in land policy as conditions require and there must be procedures set in place for better sensing shifts in conditions and the recognition of full costs of land decisions.

"The state must adopt new attitudes and incentives to work with the private sector.

"The legislature needs to reaffirm its role as a chief conservator of the state's land assets.

"There may be much to be gained with better coordination of all state agencies that engage in land management.

The Senate Select Committee on Public Land Ownership, Purchase and Management Policy was created in June of 1995, by Senate Resolution 182. The resolution charged the committee with a full review of the state's principal land acquisition policies and asked that the committee undertake a series of public hearings to discern the public's preceptions about the state's role in land acquisition and land divestment.

Senators Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake

Orion) and Don Koivisto (D-Ironwood) served on the Select Committee with McManus. The public hearings were held in Grayling, Escanaba, Pontiac and Grand Rapids. "These hearings, although not limited to comments on any one department's role, focused principally on the land acquisition role played by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)," McManus said. "The general consensus was to do more with what we already have and slow down our acquisition process. We also must ensure that local communities have a voice on state land transactions in their area."

McManus noted that a substantial amount of testimony generally lauded the DNR on its role in maintaining the health and beauty of the resource base.

"Senators McManus, Dunaskiss and Koivisto have compiled a valuable resource for anyone interested in state land acquisition and management issues," said Keith Charters, a member of the Natural Resources Commission and former chairman of the Natural Resources Trust Fund Board. "It offers a balanced, objective and thoughtful approach to land acquisition issues."

Animal Control reverts to Sheriff Shelter, CCFA to develop 'master plan' for future of the animals in Crawford Co.

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Changes in the operation of animal control will not effect the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, which will be remaining in its present home at least until 1999.

Plans for the future location of the animal shelter will now be addressed to prevent a crisis situation when the lease expires in 1999.

"We need to consider a longterm plan for animals in the county," said Ward Parker, member of the animal shelter board, addressing the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Feb. 6. "We would be interested in entertaining anyone who would work with us on a plan."

"A longterm plan would help to solve some of the shortterm problems," said Parker.

Currently, the animal shelter leases the property from the county, who in turn leases it from the road commission. The road commission is the owner of the property and have no intention of selling it, according to County Commissioner Dennis Long. The road commission would like to expand their operations sometime in

the future.

The future location of the animal shelter was called into question by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at a January ways and means meeting.

A large number of supporters for Dixie Lobsinger, director of the animal shelter, and the animal shelter turned out at 8 a.m. for the ways and means meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Feb. 6. A petition supporting Lobsinger and the animal shelter was turned over to the commissioners with over 900 signatures.

The county commissioners had requested Sheriff David Lovely to make a presentation for taking over the animal control duties. The request was made due to complaints that animal control was not being done in Crawford County. Commissioner Long stated that he had received numerous complaints about animal control issues.

Commissioner Long further stated that he would like to see the animal shelter moved out of its present location to a more rural area. He stated that he felt the animal shelter and its hu-

manitarian efforts should be applauded. Asking the animal shelter to be responsible for animal control was too much, stated Long. He felt the animal shelter did not put enough emphasis on animal control issues.

Lobsinger informed commissioners that she resented the fact that her job duties were being discussed without her being present. She stated that she was never told that the commissioners were unhappy with her job until she was contacted by the *Avalanche* for comment.

"We have more than fulfilled our contractual agreements," said Lobsinger of her job as ACO. She showed records showing an average of 66 animal control complaints per month. She stated that animal control handled over 1,000 complaints since August 1994.

The number of animals taken in by the animal shelter has dropped in half from 1,600 in 1991 to 823 in 1995. The number of strays has remained constant at around 500 a year. Lobsinger attributed the large drop due to the spay/neuter program funded by Crawford County Friends of Animals (CCFA). She stated the shelter no

Grayling club promotes safe snowmobiling



MAKING DEEP TRACKS--Members of the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association (GGSA) have been working very hard to overcome what they say is a totally undeserved bad reputation. Pictured above is GGSA member Neal Michal who would like to know all the positive measures the group has taken to promote the sport in a safe and lawful way. Read Michal's comments in a related story on page 18.

County to get out of airport business

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Crawford County will be getting out of the airport business. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted to direct the Crawford County Transit Authority to end county business at the airport by July 1, 1996.

The action came after years of trying to negotiate the purchase of property from the Department of Military Affairs. County Commissioner Dennis Long stated that the county is plunging vast sums of money into the airport and have been unable to acquire property from the military.

He also stated that agreements with the department on turning over the authority to post notices to airmen on whether the airport was

open or closed hasn't been resolved either. It was thought the matter had been turned over to the transit authority, but the military continues to give notice that the airport is closed without consulting the transit authority, said Long.

Long stated that the county spends approximately \$60,000 a year on airport operational costs. Additional county money is tied up in heavy equipment and an in-ground fueling system. Those items could be liquidated, he said.

"There are too many other things we need to do with the county's money," said Long. He stated that he felt the airport could still be open to civilian traffic without the county's presence there. The civilian pilots would just have to deal with the military directly.

Director of CCTA, David Frederic disagreed.

"It's going to get closed," he said. "They are not going to use it. We are going to lose all access."

Long said, "That is strictly up to the DEMA. I would challenge them to facilitate as much civilian traffic as the county did."

Currently the airport is used by the hospital and several businesses including Weyerhaeuser.

Long stated the commissioners had to listen to the wishes of the county residents. He used the refusal to pass additional mills to support the operation of the airport as the public's opinion on the matter.

The vote passed 4-1 with Commissioner Robert McLachlan voting no. Robert Smock was absent.

County board still without chairperson

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners continues to operate without a chairperson despite one commissioner being absent on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The commissioners have been deadlocked 3-3 in electing a chairperson since January. The absence of Robert Smock could have broken the tie, except for an agreement by commis-

sioners to forego an election for chairperson until all six districts are represented.

The agreement came about at the request of Commissioner Dennis Long. He asked to have the election of chairperson be delayed until representatives from all districts could be present.

It could be very easy to break the tie

with an absence, said Long. However, the chairperson of the county board is the highest elected office in Crawford County and all districts should be represented in the decision, he said.

The board agreed to delay the vote until the next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20. The board further agreed to stay in-session until a chairperson has been elected.

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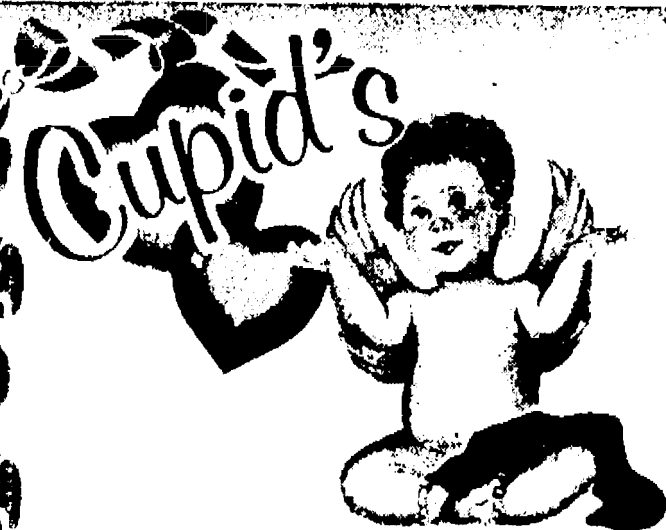
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Lowe requests public hearings on post-production costs of oil and gas

Northern Michigan residents deserve an opportunity to voice their opinions on post-production costs from oil and gas royalties, an area lawmaker said recently.

State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, has asked several key officials from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to schedule a public hearing on the issue. The 105th District lawmaker sent a formal request to Rodney Stokes, chief of the DNR's real estate division.

"There's a lot at stake and local input is essential," said Lowe, a member of the House Judiciary and Civil Rights Committee. "The people contacting me are extremely upset and want an explanation."

Lowe and the Natural Resources Commission are asking Attorney General Frank Kelley to issue an opinion on whether oil and gas firms can legally deduct expenses from state and private royalty payments.

Post-production costs are incurred by oil and gas companies for gathering, transporting and processing hydrocarbon products so they can be marketed. Since companies began taking the deductions in 1993, millions of dollars have been diverted from the state treasury and private landowners who lease their mineral rights.

Constituents and local governments throughout northern Michigan are

expressing their frustration to Lowe and other lawmakers.

"Post-production costs have become a big issue. Montmorency County residents say that they reduce their royalty checks as much as 27 percent," Lowe said. "This drastic reduction has cut their incomes considerably and they want to know how this policy was implemented."

The deductions were listed in guidelines drafted by the DNR's real estate division in November 1993. Critics charge the oil and gas companies are using the rules designed for state land royalties to justify charges to private leaseholders.

The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), which represents eight counties in the region, is concerned about the leasing policy and its "severe ramifications" on private landowners. Diane Rekowski, NEMCOG director, recently asked the Natural Resources Commission to schedule a public hearing.

Lowe said such a forum should occur in northern Michigan and he is willing to facilitate the event.

"A consensus is building. Local residents and officials, and groups like NEMCOG agree this policy needs thorough review," Lowe said. "This issue deserves an immediate public meeting and an indepth examination."

'Selling to the State of Michigan' seminar set

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center at the Northeast Michigan Consortium will be sponsoring a half-day seminar entitled, "Selling to the State of Michigan." Business owners can find out how to sell their products and services to the State of Michigan by learning how to:

register with the state and fill out the vendor application; using the state's bulletin board system (which advertises the items the state has out for bid); how to contact the state's purchasing agents; how to take advantage of the state's delegated authority purchases (formerly known as "small purchases"); and more. The information received at this seminar

can help increase sales and help businesses understand how to market their products and services to the State of Michigan.

The seminar will be held from 1-4 p.m. in four locations: Sault Ste. Marie, Monday, Feb. 26; Cheboygan, Tuesday, Feb. 27; Alpena, Wednesday, Feb. 28; and West Branch, Thursday,

Feb. 29.

There is a \$10-per-person registration fee. This fee includes all seminar materials. Registration is limited. For more information and a copy of the registration form, contact Denise Hoffmeyer, Federal Procurement Program manager at (517) 733-8548.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative
For the times that count, count on Social Security

For the times that count, count on Social Security. That's the theme for Social Security's new multimedia public-service campaign. The campaign is designed to encourage people to learn more about what their Social Security tax dollars are buying.

Unfortunately, many people think of Social Security as a retirement program, but Social Security actually is a program for people of all ages. It pays benefits to people with disabilities and to the families of deceased workers.

Young people who worry about whether Social Security will be there when they're ready to retire don't realize that it protects them right now, for example, if you became disabled and couldn't work for a year or longer, they could get monthly benefits. More than 4 million people with disabilities are getting benefits today and another 1.6 million of their dependents get benefits, too. Campaign materials encourage people to call and ask for the booklet, *Basic Facts About Social Security*. People who do will learn that younger Americans face roughly a 1-in-5 chance of dying before reaching 65; more than 7 million people get survivors benefits and 2 million of them are children; the average monthly payment to a disabled worker with a spouse and two children is \$1,100.

They'll also learn where they can get additional information, including a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement. The statement gives workers an estimate of what their retirement, disability and survivors benefits might be and can help them plan financially for them and their family's future.

Social Security was never intended to be the sole source of income. It should be supplemented with pensions, savings and other investments.

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

District Health Department #1 in Crawford County may still find a new home at the former Department of Natural Resources (DNR) field office, next to Mercy Hospital and the Grayling Fish Hatchery. Plans for moving the facility have been in the works for several months.

The health department is currently renting space from the mental health department behind Empire Bank. In 1995, Crawford County spent almost \$7,000 on rent for the health department. The current space is very cramped, especially on busy days like WIC and immunization clinics.

At the meeting of the county board of commissioners on Tuesday, Jan. 23, Michael Skoog of the health department and Northern Health Foundation (NHF) asked the commissioners to pass a resolution, which would allow the foundation to begin advertising for bids to do the necessary renovations.

"We're a group of local public health departments served by trustees to promote health in northern Michigan," Skoog said.

The commissioners voted to enter into the agreement with NHF, pending legal counsel approval, to facili-

tate the bidding process. All six of the commissioners were present, and all six voted yes to the motion, which was made by Commissioner Robert McLachlan.

The NHF facilitates the construction and financing of buildings for health and human service agencies by the use of tax exempt financing. Financing is arranged on behalf of the governmental agency.

The commissioners will pass a resolution deeding the property over to NHF and authorizing NHF to arrange financing. NHF then forms a subcorporation which develops building specifications. The county board of commissioners then leases the building to NHF for 20 years.

At the end of the 20 years, when the mortgage is paid off, the building and all of the improvements revert back to the county.

Skoog estimated the cost of the building's renovation at anywhere from \$100,000 to \$160,000. He stated that he thought \$160,000 was too high, but he would prefer to present the commissioners with an estimate that was too high then one that was too low.

The exact amount won't be known until bids for the project are received, said Skoog.

For anyone who has entered the confined offices of the local health department, the renovation is welcome news.

Local shop nominated as #1 in U.S.

The Cross Country Ski Shop is one of 25 ski shops across the United States nominated for the 1996 Ski Industries America (SIA) Cross Country Retailer of the Year.

The winner of the Retailer of the Year award will be presented on March 6, at the SIA Ski, Snowboard and Outdoor Sports Show.

The Cross Country Ski Shop is located behind the Holiday Inn of Grayling on South I-75 Business Loop. The ski shop has been in operation in that location for 19 years.

Owner Dick Fultz said, "I haven't won it yet, but I think I will."

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Meyer elected Vice Chair of statewide committee

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Jerry Meyer, executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, has been elected vice chairperson of a statewide committee advocating a proposed north/south highway corridor that will travel through six states.

Meyer was elected as the vice chairperson of the statewide committee on Jan. 11 at the organizational meeting of the Great Lakes Mid-Atlantic Corridor Committee-Michigan (GLMAC) in Lansing.

The statewide committee will meet on the second Thursday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Michigan Road Builders Association in Lansing. In February, however, the meeting will be held Feb. 15, due to a scheduling conflict.

GLMAC was formed to promote the Michigan link in a six-state corridor, which will begin in Charleston, South Carolina.

The corridor travels along I-73/74 from Charleston through North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, into Detroit. From Detroit a new highway will be constructed into Jackson. From Jackson to Lansing the corridor will follow the existing US-127 corridor. A new highway will be constructed from Lansing to Ithaca and then continue along the US-27 freeway to Grayling. From Grayling, the corridor will follow the existing I-75 expressway, ending in Sault Ste. Marie.

Meyer is also the District Chairperson of Region 2, which includes eight counties, Kalkaska, Roscommon, Crawford, Missaukee, Otsego, Gladwin, Osceola and Clare.

A District meeting is tentatively scheduled for March. District involvement is crucial, because the state committee will not be involved in District concerns about decisions affecting the corridor as it passes through the area.

The state level committee will concern itself only with the overall scope and impact of the project, leaving details to counties and cities along the way.

The corridor will allow for a higher level of maintenance, wider roads and funding for developments along the corridor, such as a north and south interchange at the North Down River Road exit.

Avalanche VP named 119th president of Michigan Press Association



DIRK MILLIMAN

Crawford County Avalanche vice president, Dirk Milliman, was named the 119th president of the Michigan Press Association at the association's annual convention in Grand Rapids Jan. 26.

His term as president of the 128-year-old association, whose members include 51 daily and 247 weekly Michigan newspapers, runs for one year.

Milliman began his newspaper career at age 10, in the production department at one of his father's newspapers. He has held many newspaper jobs since then, including sports writer, photographer, pressman, advertising representative, sales manager, editor, general manager and publisher.

Parents Without Partners meet

Parents Without Partners, a not-for-profit support organization for single parents and their children, hold their breakfast meetings every Saturday at 10 a.m., at Chet and Ems in Houghton Lake. For information call B.J. at (517) 422-6964, or David at (517) 422-2695.

Milliman currently serves as president of Milliman Communications, a company based in Mason, which provides oversight to the Milliman family's nine newspapers. He is editor and publisher of the Ingham Newspaper Company, which publishes three community weeklies: *The Towne Courier*, which serves East Lansing, Haslett and Okemos; the *Ingham County News*, which serves Mason, Holt and Dansville; and *The Enterprise*, which serves Williamston and Webberville. He is editor and co-publisher (with wife Penny) of the *Commercial News*, a daily newspaper in Three Rivers, and is publisher of both the *Marshall Chronicle* and the *Albion Recorder*, two dailies which serve communities in Calhoun County. He is publisher of the *Presque Isle County Advance* and the *Onaway Outlook*, two weeklies in Presque Isle County.

Milliman, 38, holds a BA degree in journalism from Central Michigan University and an associates degree in general printing from Ferris State University. He is a native of Lansing and graduated from Lansing Catholic Central High School.

Milliman has been a Michigan Press Association board member since 1987. He currently serves as legislative chair, a position he has held since 1992. He is a past president and board member of the Michigan League of Home Dailies. He is a 10-year member of Rotary, treasurer of the Parkwood YMCA Advisory Board, and a member of St. Martha's Catholic Church.

He and his wife, Penny, have a 6-year-old daughter, Callie, and a 2-year-old son, Logan. They live in Haslett.

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The lyrical style and universality of *The Fantasticks* have made it the longest-running musical in the world, with over 10,000 off-Broadway performances and still counting. It is as fresh and appealing today as on the day it opened, May 3, 1960, at the Sullivan Street Playhouse.

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Ladies of St. John host lunch, cards

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a Valentine luncheon and card party in the Fellowship Hall at the church, on Wednesday, Feb. 14. The luncheon will be at 12 noon, followed by cards. Everyone is welcome.

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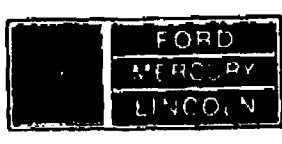
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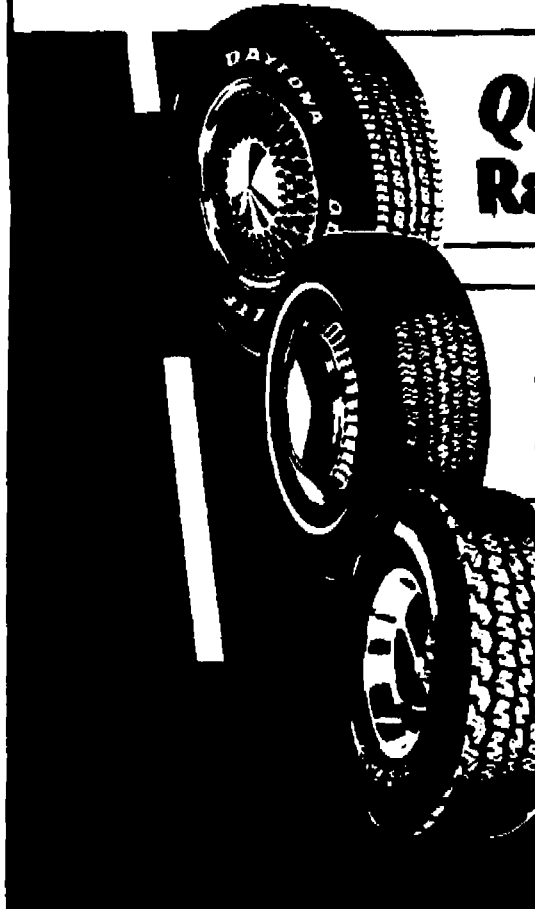
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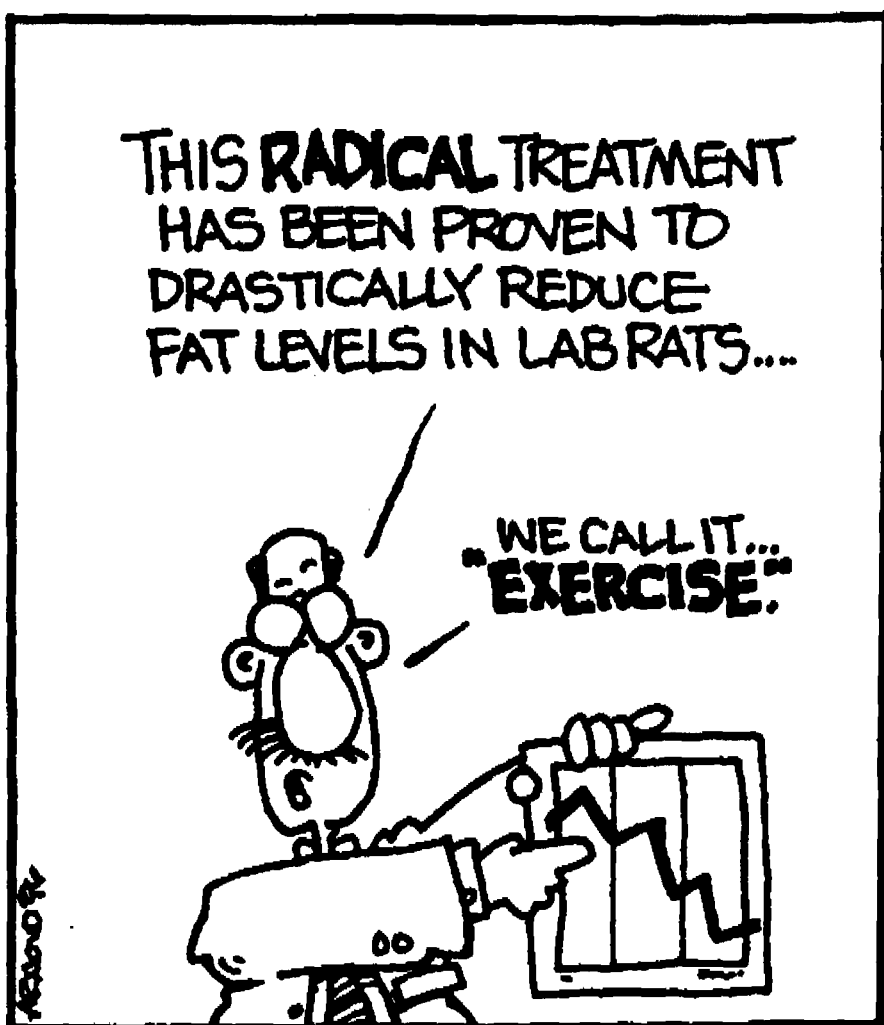
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



EDITOR

License to drive is not a license for 'adulthood'

To the editor:

I've known the 16-year-old young man since he was born. When I think about him, I still recall the chubby two-year-old he once was more easily than the young man he is today.

In fact, I didn't realize that he had changed until I was replacing his latest school picture with the old one in my wallet. The difference a year makes was remarkable. They didn't look like the same person. I checked the back to make sure I hadn't missed a year somehow. No, the pictures were in order.

He had always been a quiet, polite person. He enjoyed drawing and smiled easily. I would lend him art books and he would devour them, become more skilled every day. He can draw just about anything he cares too.

Now he is growing up and I'm not always sure who he is anymore. He talks back, something he had never done before at least not to me or his grandparents. I have to look hard to find traces of the person I've known so long.

He has a license to drive and seems to think that allows him to do other things as well, like skip school. It amazes me, and it shouldn't, that someone so bright can do something so stupid.

What angers me is that he doesn't seem to care about school or his future. When asked how he is doing in a class, he answers that he doesn't know.

"My Mom thinks I ask (my teachers), but I don't, because I don't care," he said. "Besides if I knew, I'd have to tell somebody when they asked."

He can still be charming when he

wants to be. He helps out with chores at home and at his grandparents. Alone, one on one, is when I still see the same person I've known for so long.

It seems to me that he is so busy trying to stretch the limits, he forgets why they were put there in the first place. To protect him, by people who love him.

He seems angry a lot or at least easily angered. He poses for a family photo with a scowl on his face and his arms crossed before him. Threats of being hosed down with water don't change his expression. He's angry at the photographer. She didn't treat him as an adult, but instead as the child she is more use to.

He isn't quite an adult yet. He still needs to learn. To learn to accept the weaknesses of others, to give them his strength. To learn to handle his anger instead of letting it explode. But most important he needs to learn to laugh at himself and others rather than sinking to anger as the easy way out.

What scares me is the choices he is making now, can help or hurt his future. He is at a turning point in his life. One wrong turn, (unprotected sex, drugs, or poor grades) and he can be facing serious ramifications (AIDS, a child, an addiction, death or flunking). He doesn't realize what could happen. He doesn't realize why we are on his case about his actions and choices.

He's 16, an age when he constantly surprises me with his actions. Some seem so grown up it makes me look forward to getting to know the adult he is becoming. Other actions seem so stupid, I can't wait for the years to pass so we can look back on them and laugh.

Linda Sherwood
Merritt

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ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

A tale of two speeches

GOV. JOHN ENGLER outlined where Michigan is today in his recent State of the State address. What he found was that Michigan is pretty well off these days.

If it was not "the best of times" as Charles Dickens wrote in "A Tale of Two Cities," it was close, at least in John Engler's Michigan.

High employment, attractive business climate, reduced taxes all contributed to that conclusion. And, as a successful politician has license to do, Mr. Engler took a lot of credit for the way things are.

What would be even better, he allowed, is if only the stubborn Democrats in Washington—particularly President Bill Clinton—would get out of the way and let his Michigan-style wonders take effect throughout the land.

A POLITICAL speech? A

campaign document? A stab for national acclaim?

According to most reviews of the Engler address, that's exactly what it was.

The governor did throw in a few new ideas, and returned to some old ones, too.

A new one was Project Zero, a pilot program to put welfare folks to work. This would include allotting \$40 million for child care, transportation and job training for welfare recipients who get jobs.

And he asked for four new prisons, including a punk prison for youthful offenders—which once was almost an Engler code word for law and order.

Then there was reorganization of a few state departments—reorganization of something is almost an annual proposal—and reduced paperwork for taxpayers citizens and businesses, which also comes along frequently on the Engler wish list.

But all in all, it was a good, solid state-of-the-state report from a successful governor who has an

increasingly strong national political image.

A FEW DAYS later, President Bill Clinton unloaded his State of the Union message before a sharply divided Congress.

Mr. Clinton, too, was considerably upbeat, especially considering the political facts of life in Washington these days.

Staying with the Dickens analogy, Mr. Clinton warned that although the State of the Union is generally okay, it could become "the worst of times" if opposition Republicans refuse to increase the debt limit, thus forcing the government into default.

He demanded that Republicans "never ever" shut down government again. Of course, Republicans could contend that Mr. Clinton and his refusal to accept GOP terms in budget-balancing had as much to do with closing down government as they did.

Bi-partisan cooperation was another keynote of the Clinton message.

"None of this will work unless all of

you, every person in America, reach across the lines that divide us and try to find common ground," Mr. Clinton said.

MOST REVIEWS of the State of the Union message agreed that Mr. Clinton tried to move to the political middle.

He embraced the balanced budget, welfare reform, tax cuts, fighting crime, and cleaner television programming.

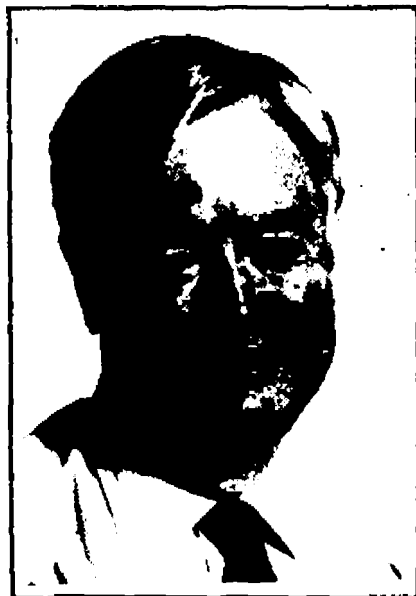
None of these goals, in broad perspective, would make many Republicans cringe. As one observer commented in the press, Mr. Clinton seems to be trying to force the political campaign into a question of "means not ends."

Movement on the political spectrum is nothing new for Mr. Clinton. He seems to gain public favor when he moderates his views and broadens his visions.

His State of the Union message seemed to advance that theory.

All in all, it was a good State of the Union speech, and laid the groundwork for what we can expect to hear on the presidential campaign trail in the coming months.

And that's how most of these speeches seem to be designed, especially in an election year.



JIM FITZGERALD

Gushing over babies is a gender-neutral thing

Not only that, but my surprising accomplishment was almost totally ignored by women who, rather than give me the praise I deserve, preferred to continue doing something else—something they would never be criticized for doing, but if I did the same thing, I might well be razed.

Pay attention and you will soon understand that today's column is about women things as opposed to men things—babies vs. batteries—and some politics, too.

Begin with Michigan U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham. For interminable weeks while campaigning last year,

he appeared regularly on television screens, holding his twin daughters, one in the crook of each arm. But the day after his victory, Abraham was on TV with no children in sight.

"He took them back to the orphanage because he doesn't need to exploit them for votes anymore," my friend Ralph explained.

Ralph wouldn't have said that if Abraham were the mother of the twins. And if Gov. John Engler were the mother of those famous triplets, Ralph also wouldn't have said that when Engler next campaigns for office, he'll need a third crook, and shouldn't have

trouble finding one in Lansing.

Confronting that scary task

Anyway, last Saturday afternoon, my 10-year-old car wouldn't start. When this happens, my usual procedure is to summon my son or son-in-law to come give me a jump start. But there were jumper cables in my garage, and the old car was parked next to the new car, so I decided, what the heck, I'd try to do the job myself.

This, you must understand, was similar to Queen Elizabeth deciding to chew tobacco.

In 54 years of driving, I'd never once dared connect two car batteries and turn on two engines for fear of blowing up the world. The closest I came was when I owned an Audi, but after an hour of searching, I was too embarrassed to ever admit to anyone that I couldn't even find the battery. And it didn't do a lot of good to connect the cable to the container of windshield wiper fluid.

Later I learned Audi put the battery under the back seat. Who ever heard of such a stupid thing? Is the ignition in the damn glove compartment?

No one even notices. This time, it took me only 30 minutes to get both hoods up, find the batteries, attach the clamps and turn the keys. And the old car started! Wow, I suddenly knew how Eli Whitney felt when he invented the steam room.

When I burst into the house to brag about my unbelievable accomplishment to my wife and daughter, they were lying on the floor, making foolish faces and obscene noises at the newest family member, year-old Elaine. They barely noticed me, and I was hurt.

Although, a few minutes later, it was OK that they weren't looking out the window when I had to pause the old car in the driveway to investigate a radio aerial I didn't remember seeing during the previous 10 years.

Turned out it wasn't an aerial, it was a strut that holds up the hood. It somehow had stayed up when I put the hood down. Oh well, the damage was minimal.

The next day, during social hour after church services, I held Elaine high in the air so everyone could see that she just happens to be the most gorgeous curly-haired on Earth. And a friend good-naturedly accused me of showing off.

He would never have said that to Elaine's grandmother, who regularly flaunts Elaine in public, cooing and hugging, without ever being charged with creating a flamboyant disturbance. And never once in her whole life has my wife jump-started a car.

The obscure moral is that John Engler cried fat tears when he showed the TV cameras pictures of his triplets. And I said to myself:

Good for him.

VIEWPOINT

By James Briney, Managing Director of The Road Commission For Crawford County

More maintenance, better equipment

Since the last Viewpoint having to do with roads in our county, you have seen, read and heard any number of reports in the news about the condition of roads and road funding. Still, the common myth persists that the property tax is the source of money for roads. It is not. If it were, we would really be in trouble, since property taxes were cut 52 percent with the passage of Proposal A, in 1994.

As it is, the road funding picture is pretty bleak. The main source of revenue for roads, which is the gasoline tax, has not been increased by the legislature in 12 years. Vehicles are lighter and more fuel efficient. Consequently, people can drive more, buy more gasoline and contribute less to road funding. The gasoline tax is 15¢ per gallon in Michigan, not 15 percent.

The Avalanche has done a good job of reporting on the status of federal and state road funding availability. You may already know that such money is in shorter supply and not likely to come our way until the next millennium. That will be at the turn of the century which, according to the dictionary, includes the definition: "a period of great happiness or perfect government".

At present, the road and transportation industry and most importantly the general public is not happy with the condition of the roads we travel, nor is the government response to the need for adequate road funding anywhere near perfect.

Instead of wringing our hands, gnashing our teeth and waiting for the bottom to drop out, The Road Commission For Crawford County has embarked on a road and bridge maintenance program that is aggressive in light of present circumstances. The money that would have been used to attract federal and state funds, as part of matching fund

requirements for road reconstruction, is now going to improve road maintenance and investments in equipment.

This means you will be seeing new equipment, never used before in Crawford County, put into service this spring. Notably a Patchrite machine for pot hole patching and an AMZ Magnum, also used for pot hole patching. Likewise, we are on a schedule to replace the road commission fleet of light and heavy trucks. Studies and experience make it clear that having the equipment best suited to the tasks and in good working order, contributes to a more effective and efficient operation.

The Patchrite and Magnum machines will be a real plus for improved routine maintenance activities. We are looking also at the wisdom of participating in more heavy maintenance projects. Chronic bad spots on Billman Road in Beaver Creek Township, and Cameron Bridge Road in Frederic Township, are examples of heavy maintenance work that can be done, with the cooperation and support required by law. At least 50 percent of the funding for such work must come from a source other than the road commission. When gravel alone costs as much as \$50,000 per mile, participation comes at a premium. Some road commissions are not in a position to put up any of the heavy maintenance or new construction funds, making it even more difficult to make road improvements.

Your road commission has adopted a policy which guides what we are able to do. We are committed to paying 100 percent of the costs for routine maintenance such as blading, brining, snow and ice control and work associated with bridge and culvert maintenance. The Road Commission For Crawford County also contributes 35 percent toward heavy maintenance

projects such as labor, equipment and material costs for significant road repairs made on relatively short stretches. The road commission also puts in 50 percent of any matching funds required to attract federal, state, private and local funds, not to exceed 10 percent of the total cost of the project.

We are determined to provide adequate service within balanced budgets over the next three years. Our labor costs are below the rate of inflation and our equipment and facilities are being maintained and upgraded as resources allow. It is becoming increasingly clear that additional sources of revenue, to pay for the service and work the public expects, are not likely to come without tremendous public support and awareness. That is why Viewpoints are presented from time to time and why our Board of Road Commissioners supports providing a Report to the Citizens each year. In addition to the ongoing challenge of doing the best we can, with what we have, the very least we can do is let the public we serve know what we are doing and why we make the choices we do.

Unlike the federal government, we do not have a printing press to print more money and like you, we cannot spend the same dollars twice. In 1995, we spent money on road reconstruction and much more on road maintenance. In 1996, we are continuing to spend gasoline tax and other available funds for road maintenance and equipment.

James Briney is past president of his professional association, the 31-county Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissioners, and is now a member of the Northern Michigan Association of Road

\$546 million for Michigan schools



\$546 MILLION FOR SCHOOLS--Michigan Lottery Commissioner Bill Martin (left) presents an oversized check for the state School Aid Fund, to Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis (right). The lottery generated a record \$546 million for Michigan's public schools last year--the greatest amount of funding for education since the inception of the lottery.

The Michigan Lottery outperformed itself last year with net revenues to the state School Aid Fund hitting an all-time record \$546 million--the greatest amount of funding for education ever generated by the Michigan Lottery.

Michigan Lottery gross revenue reached an all-time record in fiscal year 1994-95, the bureau's 23rd year of operation, with sales reaching \$1.38 billion (preliminary unaudited figures). By law, all lottery net revenue must be deposited in the state School Aid Fund.

"We continue to be steadfast in our mission to raise needed revenue for Michigan's public schools," said Michigan Lottery Commissioner Bill Martin. "The Lottery raised a record \$546 million for the state School Aid Fund in fiscal year 1994-95--that's \$3 million for each school day for our children's education."

According to a report by *International Gaming & Wagering Business*, Michigan had the strongest performance of any state lottery last fiscal year in boosting the percentage of government revenues generated from sales dollars. Michigan moved from 14th in fiscal year 1993-94, to sixth in 1994-95.

"Michigan Lottery retailers earned an impressive \$93.5 million in sales commission--another record," said Martin. "Increased lottery sales mean increased store traffic and bigger profits for over 9,000 Michigan retailers who sell lottery tickets. The lottery is a win-win-win proposition for Michigan--it's a winner for our school children, players and retailers."

"Our record year could not have been accomplished without the tremendous support of our players and

the excellent cooperation and extra effort of our lottery staff and retailers," he said.

"It was an exciting year filled with new games and promotions," said Martin. "In addition, we had the largest Lotto jackpot in the bureau's history--\$45.8 million. During this lotto mania, the lottery hit two sales records: 2.2 million tickets sold in one hour and 39,000 tickets sold in one minute."

Overall in fiscal year 1994-95, players won a record \$715 million in prizes. Players won \$317.8 million in the Daily 3 and Daily 4 games, \$23 million in Cash 5, and \$8 million in the KENO game. Players won \$225 million in the instant games.

In the Michigan Lotto game alone, there were 25 jackpot winners who shared \$160.5 million. In addition, Lotto players won \$42.8 million in second- and third-tier prizes.

HONORS LIST

Lake Superior State University is announcing students that were placed on the dean's list for the 1995 fall semester. These students attained at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a scale of 4.0.

Among those students honored were Julie Gingerick, J. C. Millikin, Chad Ormsbee and Bethany Schreiner, all of Grayling.

HONORS LIST

Anderson University has announced its dean's list for the first semester of the 1995-96 school year.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

Matthew Reidner of Grayling was included on this list.

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DISTRICT COURT

Appearing before The Honorable Judge Francis L. Walsh:

David William Boyd, 28, of Sterling Heights, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Dec. 2, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Peter Dudley, 22, of Detroit, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Nov. 18, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Curtis Lee Berkompas, 43 of Holland, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Nov. 19, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Steven Dale Sales, 47, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Nov. 15, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Nancy Jean Vanlander, 39, of Harper Woods, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 30 days, placed on six months probation, plus her license was suspended six months. She was cited Nov. 17, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Heather Nora Bush, 42, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus her license was suspended six months. She was cited Nov. 14, 1995, by the state police.

Patrick Thomas Healey, 36, of Livonia, plead guilty to the charge of Driving While License Suspended, and was fined \$240 or 30 days. He was cited Aug. 18, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Robert Wm. Weaver, 28, of Saginaw, plead guilty to the charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined

\$255 or 30 days, restitution paid. He was cited Oct. 9, 1988, by the sheriff dept.

Gerald Wayne Bergey, 34, of Mio, plead guilty to the charge of City Ordinance #4, Disorderly, and was fined \$160 or 14 days. He was cited Jan. 31, 1992.

Ralph Alfred White, Jr., 23, of Houghton Lake, plead guilty to the charge of City Ordinance #4, Disorderly, and was fined \$110 or 10 days. He was cited Dec. 30, 1995, by the city police dept.

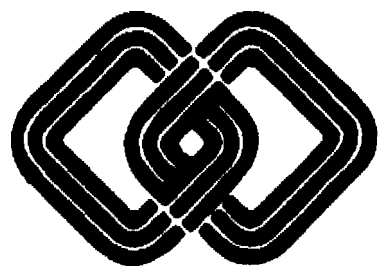
Jacob Ramsey Riley, 17, of Hastings, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Possession With Intent To Deliver Marijuana. A \$10,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Robert Dale Vandebunte, 20, of Marne, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Possession With Intent To Deliver Marijuana. A \$15,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Jason Jon Carroll, 24, of Wayland, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Possession With Intent To Deliver Marijuana. A \$50,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Lawrence Albert Weaver, 31, of Grayling, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of Delivery Of Marijuana. A \$5,000 personal bond was set.

David Preston McKee, 39, of Roscommon, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of Forgery. A \$10,000 cash or surety bond was set.



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FRI. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HANSON HILLS family fun night, 5-9 pm. Bring the family and enjoy an evening together - bonfire, sledding & skiing, \$5 per family, meal deal available in snack bar.
SAT. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "AN ITALIAN STRAW HAT" performed by the National Theatre Of The Deaf @ Kirtland Community college, 8 pm. For more information call 517-275-6777. • VB HOSTS 4TH ANNUAL Grayling Subway Inv. @ GHS, 9 am. • FILM, "CHARLES COLSON: RELUCTANT PROPHET" showing at the Grayling Assembly of God Church, 6 pm.
SUN. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice, today. • FILM, "CHARLES COLSON: RELUCTANT PROPHET" showing at the Grayling Assembly of God Church, 6 pm.
MON. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRAYLING CITY COUNCIL MEETING. • KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10 pm. Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. • WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. For more information call Betty @ 348-8562. • FREDERIC ELEMENTARY 3RD GRADE music program. • FRESH BBB VS. EAST JORDAN, home, 7 pm. • SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ MS conference room, 7 pm. • LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.
TUES. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. New members welcome. • NEW BEGINNINGS STOMACH STAPLING Support Group @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 7 pm. • GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant. • GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION meeting @ 8 am, Stevens Family Circle. • AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Grayling State Bank, 1 pm. • CORE (Court Order Reform & Equity) meeting @ Beaver Creek Recreation Center, 7 pm. Call 348-9708 for more information. • MERCY HOSPITAL Career Program orientation, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. • BBB VS. ROSCOMMON, away, 6 pm. • COA ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DANCE @ 12:30 pm.
WED. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. • VB VS. ONAWAY, away, 6 pm. • GRAYLING ELEMENTARY PARENT INVOLVEMENT NIGHT, 6:30 pm. • HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Spirit of giving

In *Matthew 6:1*, Christ taught us to avoid a carnal philosophy of giving: "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." In *Matthew 5:16*, Christ had already taught His disciples: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Therefore, Christ is teaching us not to be man-centered, but to be God-centered in all our giving to others.

In *Matthew 6:2*, Christ taught us to avoid a carnal procedure of giving: "Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward." "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." (*John 12:43*) Christ said in *Luke 16:15*: "...Ye are they

which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." True giving is an act of worship to God.

In *Matthew 6:3*, Christ taught us the true spiritual procedure of giving: "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:" (*Matthew 6:3*) Give neither for the praise of others, or for self satisfaction to our own egos. Don't keep a personal diary or ledger of your giving. Let God keep the records, and give the rewards. After performing a miracle, Christ often told the person He had helped, to keep silent about it. "...See thou say nothing to any man..." (*Mark 1:44*) "...See that no man know it..." (*Matthew 9:30*) "...See thou tell no man..." (*Matthew 8:4*)

In *Matthew 6:4*, Christ taught us the true prize or spiritual profit of giving: "That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly." All giving

will be rewarded either before men on earth, or when God rewards us. Is our charity giving for the glory of God, or for the praise of other human beings? Only as our giving becomes God-centered does every person truly benefit. It is our choice!

Since we live in a "victim" filled society, perhaps we need a reminder of God's primary provision to meet the physical needs of humans. "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat" (*2 Thessalonians 3:10*) "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with [his] hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." (*Ephesians 4:28*) Only those unable to work should receive charity.

Pastor "B"

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Update on the MIC and Senior Commodities program: The MIC and Senior Commodities program will be in Crawford County (February only) at the COA, 308 Lawndale, at 2 p.m. and the date is Feb. 7. It will be at Breakers Steak House, 2123 Industrial Drive, (formerly Weatherly's Country House) in March, and then on. Seniors in the Grayling Housing project will still have theirs delivered, or they can pick their box up at the COA. Any senior or mothers with children may still sign up or re-certify at the Senior Center at 308 Lawndale, Grayling. If you have any questions, call the COA at 348-7123.

Some up-coming things for the weeks ahead: Card parties on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and play bridge, euchre, pinocle, etc.; "BK" Bingo on

Feb. 7; Blood pressures and sugars taken on Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon; and the new activity on Fridays—Coffee Klatsch at 10 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend. Sit and chat with your friends and neighbors and get a chance to find out what the folks think about anything that is on their mind. It's fun and informative, too! Valentine's Dance on Feb. 13, at 12:30 p.m. Birthday luncheon on Feb. 14; Legal help on the 16th and a Pancake Supper on Friday, Feb. 16. This is a fundraiser and the proceeds will be ear-marked for new seat cushions for the dining room chairs. There is a sign-up sheet for the staples and those that can supply a staple or two can sign up here at the Center. We will need boxes of complete pancake mix (the kind that only needs water), butter or margarine, syrup, kielbasa, link sausage, applesauce, and they must be commercially processed, not home canned; coffee (both kinds) and napkins. This way the proceeds will be all clear and profitable.

The cost for the supper is \$3 for adults, half price for children 6 to 11,

and those under 6 are free, so bring your kids and grandkids and friends and neighbors. Serving from 4 to 7 p.m.

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Feb. 14—Spaghetti & Meatsauce/Pot Roast;
Feb. 15—Meatloaf/Oven Pork;
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Hebrews 12:14-29	Genesis 15:1-21	Genesis 16:1-16	Genesis 25:19-34
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Exodus 1:1-22	Exodus 2:1-25	Exodus 3:1-22	

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Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues. 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885/Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St. - Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School, 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) 7:30 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm St., Gaylord
Sacrament 10 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Cochran
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Lacey Stephan, Jr.
Corner of North Down River Rd. and South Millikin Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
Robert W. Nalley, J.C.I., Pastor
Lee Ann Duackley, Pastoral Associate
702 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.
Daily Worship
Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday 9:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation, anytime by appointment, Saturday at 4 p.m. and 1/2 hour prior to weekday masses.

Calvary Assembly of God
Rev. Lawrence Cook
250 Lake St. - Roscommon - 275-5309
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Avonin Club (Wed) 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.
348-4573
Sunday Classes & Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ with the Elpis Message
Pastor John E. Weaver
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Steader
211 Shellenbarger St.
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Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue
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Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Lovell Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran - Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor
905 North I-75 Business Loop
348-5921 or 348-6504
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Monday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Men's Promise
Keepers Study 7 p.m.
Tuesday Weekday School 5 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 9 a.m.

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Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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Adult Choir Practice (Monday) 6 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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FIVE GENERATIONS—Welcomed into the Wysocki family, another addition to the 4th generation. On Dec. 17, Danielle Marie Wysocki was baptized at St. Theresa of Lisieux Church in Shelby Township. Afterward, a gathering of family and friends was held at the Shelby Forest Club House. Pictured above is (L-R) Greg, Elizabeth, Danielle and Kenneth. Danielle's dress was made from her great-great grandmother's engagement dress. The dress has been worn by every child of every generation for over 83 years.

Rotary Club awards scholarships

The Grayling Rotary Club awarded seven scholarships to local students recently.

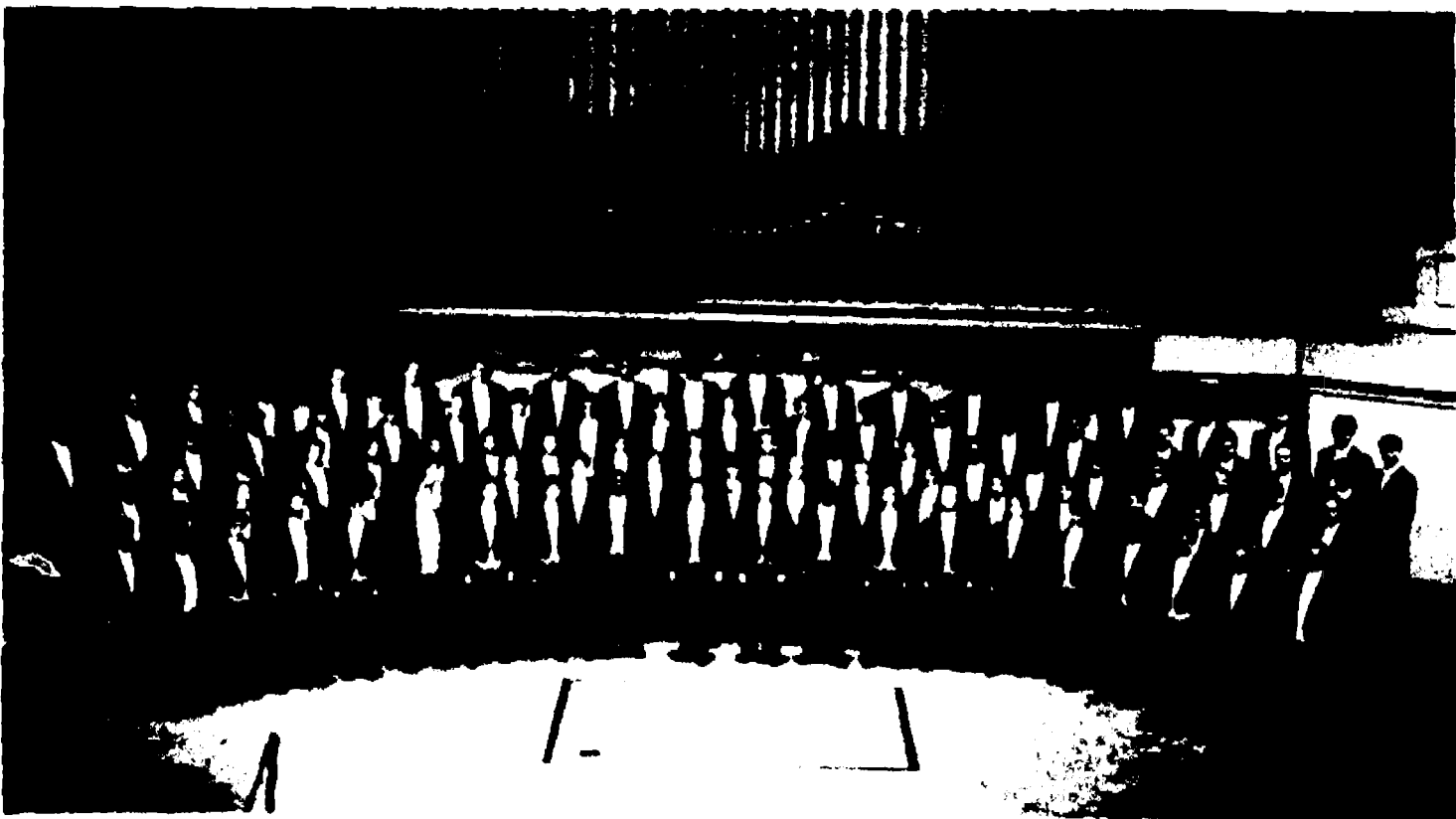
The following students received a scholarship: Andrea Watson, a senior at Michigan State University; Steve Branch, Dan Jurkovich, and Mitch McMillan, all juniors at Central Michigan University; Sean Mirate and

Christa Northrup, both juniors at Western Michigan University; Sarah Micek, a junior at Ferris State University.

The Rotary Club appreciates all the students who applied for the scholarship, and wish them all success with their college education.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lapp of Harrison Township and Lake Margrethe, Grayling, announce with pleasure the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Suzanne, to J. Brian Robersshaw of Farmington Hills. Dawn and Brian are recent graduates of Ann Arbor, University of Michigan. Dawn is employed for Farmington Hills School District. Brian works for Coca-Cola Enterprises. Both are also in graduate school part time. An April 13 wedding is planned at St. Peter Catholic Church, Mt. Clemens.

U of M Glee Club returns to Grayling



On Saturday evening, Feb. 17, area audiences will have the opportunity to enjoy music performed by our nation's second-oldest collegiate chorus, when the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club returns to the stage of the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School, for an 8 p.m. curtain.

Founded in 1859, the University of Michigan Men's Glee club has been long acclaimed as one of the finest male choruses in the world, and has achieved this stature by sustaining and respecting the traditions which have been established during its 135-year history. The glee club has become renowned for its wide repertoire of music that incorporates selections from different musical styles and periods including Renaissance motets, romantic anthems, opera choruses, spirituals, contemporary works, and, of course, Michigan songs.

The graduate and undergraduate members of the glee club are chosen by audition and represent 15 of the 17 schools and colleges of the university.

The glee club was honored in 1959, to be the first American male choir to win first place at the International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales, and has since won three more first-place prizes, a record unsurpassed in the history of this, the "Rose Bowl" of choral competition. The club performs regularly within the state of Michigan, and annual tours have taken them throughout the nation and abroad. In 1967, the club circled the globe in celebration of the university's sesquicentennial year, and more recently, toured the Far East in 1989,

and Russia and Eastern Europe in 1992. The club has made appearances at Avery Fisher Hall in New York, the pre-game festivities for the 1984 World Series, the Intercollegiate Men's Chorus National Seminar at Harvard University in 1986, and the 1992 Central Division Convention of the American Choral Directors' Association.

Dr. Jerry Blackstone is co-director of choirs and coordinator of the Conducting Department at the University of Michigan, where he conducts the Men's Glee Club, Chamber Choir and University Choir. Blackstone holds degrees from the University of Southern California, Indiana University and Wheaton College. During the summer, he directs the University of Michigan All-State High School Choir and Chamber Singers at the Interlochen Fine Arts Academy, and during the school year, conducts the Michigan Youth Chamber Singers.

An active clinician and adjudicator, Blackstone is in increasing demand as a guest conductor, serves as Central Division Repertoire and Standards Chair for College and University Choirs of the American Choral Directors' Association and serves as an executive board member of the Intercollegiate Men's Chorus, Inc. He served as director of choral activities at Phillips University in Oklahoma, Huntington College in Indiana, and Westmont College in California, before joining the faculty at the University of Michigan.

Tickets for this performance can be

obtained by calling the Crawford AuSable Community Education office at 348-7641, extension 550 days, or 123 evenings, and cost \$3.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for adults.

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OBITUARIES

Mabel Ostling

Mabel L. Ostling, 82, formerly of Roscommon, died Monday, Jan. 15, 1996, at Grand Traverse Medical Care Facility, Traverse City. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial has taken place at Gerrish Cemetery.

Mrs. Ostling was born July 24, 1913, in Grayling. She was married to George E. Ostling on Oct. 13, 1940, at the home of her brother in Manchester. They resided in Roscommon, in the home that they built, until November, 1989, when due to their declining health, they moved to Traverse City.

Mrs. Ostling worked in McConkey's Dry Goods Store from 1955 until retirement. She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church and the Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Grace (Dutton) Isenbauer; brothers, Leo and Earl, and sister Metha Hanover.

The family suggests memorial contributions be directed to Northeastern Alzheimer's Support Group or Grand Traverse Medical Care Facility.

Survivors include: husband, George Ostling; daughters, Linda and husband Larry Eviitts of Lainsburg, and Nancy and husband Stan Kile of Traverse City; son, George Ostling of Clinton Township; seven grandchildren; two great-grandsons; brother, Charles and wife Evelyn Eisenbauer; sister, Helen and husband Norman Feldhauser.

Elmer Kellogg

Elmer G. Kellogg, 75, of Hesperia, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1996, at his residence. A memorial service was held Monday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m., at the Holton Methodist Church, with Rev. Peter VanDyken officiating. Interment was in the Lovells Cemetery.

Mr. Kellogg was born Nov. 6, 1920, in Lovells, to Ed and Bessie Kellogg, and resided in the Twin Lake, Holton and Hesperia areas for the last 50 years. He was a WWII Veteran of the U.S. Army. Previous to his retirement from Reeths Puffer Schools, he barbered in Twin Lake, and owned and operated Kellogg's Canoe Rental from 1970 until retirement.

Mr. Kellogg was an avid Detroit Tiger fan, deer hunter and canoe racing enthusiast.

Survivors include: sons, Jerry and wife Jenene, Rod and wife Sandy, Jim and wife Lisa, and Jeff; daughter, Elizabeth Howett; three step-children; 15 grandchildren; and ex-wife and friend, Rose Kellogg; one brother; and three sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fremont Area Foundation for Hospice of Newaygo County.

Dora Howard

Dora Dean Howard, 74, of Grayling, died Monday, Feb. 5, 1996, at Mercy Manor. No services are planned. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Howard was born Jan. 22, 1922, in Akron. She moved to Grayling nine years ago, previously living in Atlanta, Michigan. She enjoyed fishing and was an avid hunter, bagging a bear at age 72. She enjoyed life to the fullest, and her spark will be truly missed by members of her family.

Mrs. Howard was preceded in death by her parents, William and Neta (Stanton) Merrill.

Survivors include: daughters, Mary Neidrich of Unionville, Linda Stevens of Phoenix, Arizona, and Judith Duncan of Atlanta, Michigan; son, Billy Allen Dickson of Atlanta, Michigan; sister, Mary Bunker of Grayling; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Fred Kaiser

Fred "Pop" Kaiser, 82, of Frederic, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at Mercy Manor, Grayling. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m., at the Peace Lutheran Church, with Rev. Terry Graunke and Pastor Bob Cochran officiating. Burial will be in Otsego Lake Township Cemetery.

A full obituary will appear in next week's Avalanche.

Douglas Miljure

Douglas L. Miljure, 45, of Frederic, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1996, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Frederic, with Reverend Dale Hammond officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mr. Miljure was born July 21, 1950, in Detroit. He moved to Frederic 12 years ago from Detroit. He was formerly employed in the production department at Bear Archery.

Mr. Miljure was preceded in death by his parents, Douglas E. and Elsie M. (Weaver) Miljure, and by brothers, Joseph and Rodney Miljure.

Survivors include: brother, Donald and wife Dawn Miljure of Frederic; aunts and uncles, Ruby and Maurice Alma, Alma Mitchell, Raymond and Natalie Weaver, Pete and Mary Weaver, and Robert and Sally Weaver, all of Frederic; Dolly Wendell and Jan and Ken Neubig, all of Port Richey, Florida; Dorothy Sheldon of Tampa, Florida; and Don Miljure of Cass City; five nieces; and four nephews.

Ann Thompson

Ann Thompson, 80, of Mancelona, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Thompson was born Dec. 2, 1915, in Johannesburg, and moved to Grayling, from there, in 1934. She and Richard Thompson were married Aug. 4, 1935, in Grayling, and he preceded her in death in 1986. She was also preceded in death by her parents, George and Olive (Marrow) Pethers.

Survivors include: son, Donald Thompson of Mancelona; daughters, Luella and husband Robert Cole of Mancelona, Patricia and husband James Failing of Grayling, and Kay and husband Ron Earich of Pontiac; sisters, Margaret Jocopec of Pontiac, and Veletto Powell of Vanderbilt; brothers, Kenneth Pethers of Pontiac, and Thomas Pethers of Clearwater, Florida; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Timothy Maier and Amber Jordan of Houghton Lake: Kathryn Rae, Jan. 18, 1996, 7 pounds, 7.2 ounces.

Bradley and Kelly Jo Whitman of Houghton Lake: Britney Jo, Jan. 23, 1996, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Rusty and Jeannie Argue of Grayling: Nicholas Alexander, Jan. 23, 1996, 8 pounds, 13.7 ounces.

Eddie Cannoy and Mary Cole of Grayling: Eddie Lee Cannoy, Jan. 26, 1996, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Card of thanks

I would like to thank the following people and businesses for their donations and encouragement during the past few months.

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I would also like to thank all others who were associated with the program, including coaches and contestants.

Thank you,
 Kate Brunskill
 Grayling Junior Miss 1996

Community Education sets juried art and craft show for April 20

The Crawford AuSable Community Education department is sponsoring its second annual Spring Art & Craft Show on Saturday, April 20, at Grayling High School, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This juried show will feature fine art, quality crafts and excellent entertainment to entice the community and the surrounding areas to support the arts.

Organizers of this event are planning local entertainment during the day and then, at 8 p.m., the Lansing Civic Concert Band will begin their performance for the evening.

Artisans interested in participating must submit three photos of art to be sold; one of their display and two with a close-up view of their work. Only items handmade by displayer will be accepted—no kits, imports, or commercially-made items. Applicants will be notified by letter of their acceptance. Photos and checks will be returned to applicants if they are not accepted. All photos of accepted entries will be returned during the

show. The Crawford AuSable Community Education Department reserves the right to remove from display any inappropriate items. Failure to cooperate with show rules will result in the artisan's departure.

Each artisan is responsible for his/her own sales tax, display tables, and chairs as necessary. A pre-registration fee of \$20 is required for each display area. No refunds will be given to accepted applicants. Persons interested in this area and craft show should send a check or money order and photos with an application and a self-addressed envelope by the deadline date of Feb. 19, to Crawford AuSable Community Education Art Show, 403 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Applications for this fine art and craft show can be obtained from Nancy Hatfield at Grayling High School, the Adult Learning Center at Hanson Hills, or by calling the Crawford AuSable Community Education office at (517) 348-7641, extension 550 days, or 123 evenings.

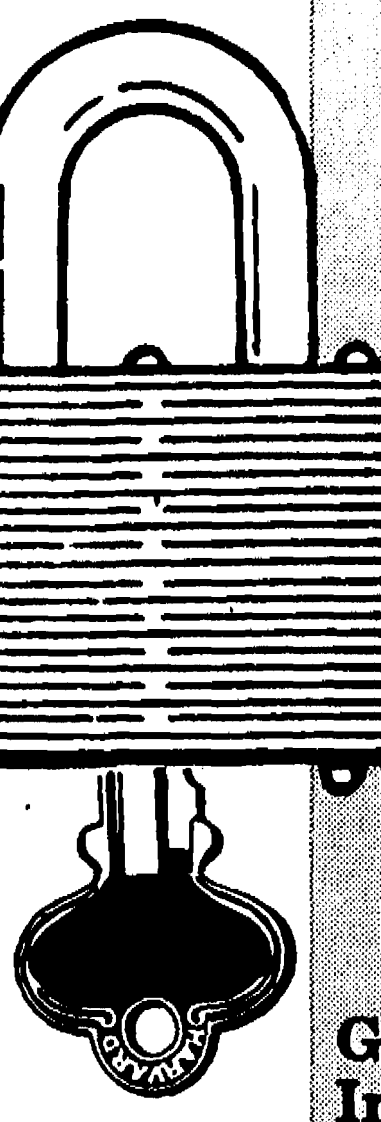
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On Thursday evening, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School, the Crawford AuSable Community Education program, in partnership with Fick & Sons of Grayling, invites you to join Tom Sterling on a captivating journey through the Highlands of Scotland.

This is a fresh look at an old and revered land. The first time, or casual visitor tends to see neat and tidy little coastal villages, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, castles (in every stage of habitability), proud bagpipers, whiskey distilleries, beautiful mountains, thousands of sheep, and shops full of souvenirs.

The tour will begin with some of the more recognizable aspects of the

Scotland experience—castle ruins, beautiful Loch Ness and Urquhart Castle, the tourist town of Aviemore, Royal Dornoch golf course (rated 13th in the world), and a distillery. But the real story starts back down in England.

We join happy audiences to watch and enjoy a pipe band contest and a sheep dog trial. The interaction between the sheep and the dogs will surely bring a smile to your face. Other brief sojourns will take us to a weaver, a pottery, a distillery and Dunrobin and Balmoral Castles; the latter being the royal family's autumn residence.

Folks who have been to Scotland will surely recognize Inverewe Gardens, but will they recognize the fact that practically all of Scotland's native Caledonia forest is gone—cut

for home building, firewood, ship building and export. Scotland's original wildlife, as well as those still existing in the highlands can be seen at the Highland Wildlife Park.

High in northern Scotland, we'll spend a week at a beautiful estate called Borrobol. Host Michael Wiggan, will take you on enjoyable trips to Iron Age Brochs (cone-shaped fortresses), stone rings and burial cairns, and many outdoor adventures including an exciting visit to Handa Island off of the west coast.

Touring the north and west coast, our trip is concluded with some of Scotland's most magnificent mountain scenery, the most northern golf course

in Scotland (Durness), sheep shearing, highland cattle, exotic breeds of sheep, leaping Atlantic salmon, and mysterious Smoo Cave. It's a trip to Scotland you'll not soon forget.

Sterling, a resident of Jackson, spent much of his boyhood exploring and enjoying the wondrous outdoor world of the Great Lakes region. Following high school, he worked for a summer in Yellowstone National Park.

A growing desire to travel led to five years with the United States Air Force and sojourns in Texas, Illinois, Idaho and Alaska. A wish to record his journeys prompted a new interest—cinematography.

After leaving the military service, Sterling became a qualified field naturalist with a B.S. degree from the University of Michigan's School of

Natural Resources. The favorable reaction to a film, made for one of his classes, persuaded him to try travel film production as a career.

Since graduation, he has produced several tour films and specials for both the Canadian Broadcasting Company and PBS, in addition to being a regular contributor to two television series, *Profiles of Nature*, and *The Nature of Things*. He's a member of the International Motion Picture and Lecturer's Association and Intrafilm. In 1980, he received Program Magazine's prestigious Rising Star award.

Doors to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium will open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets at \$4 for adults and \$3.50 for senior citizens and students, will be available at the door.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

No news is good news they say, but without any news, this column will fall apart. Either it's been too cold for people to do any activities that they want anyone to know about, or they forget to call. There are readers out there who want to know about achievements of our locals.

The most talked about topic these days, is the weather, and when the electricity goes off at 4:30 in the morning, when it's in the -30s, it is news! Do we ever enjoy our nice warm woodstove when that happens!

We'd like to thank the Avalanche staff for their last Milltown Keepsake edition, but this writer neglected to identify the people in the picture of the original Stephan house. For those of you interested, the people in the picture, which was taken in 1898 or 1899, were Peter William Stephan on the left, and his wife, Helene Thinnies Stephan standing on the right. Seated on the step was my father, Peter William Christenson, and the other man and baby were John Stephan, Sr. and John Stephan, Jr.

Bob Ruddy has asked if there is anyone out there with a mounted beaver that he could have for a Crawford County Historical Museum

exhibit. Here's your chance to get rid of that one that 'grandpa' gave you and you didn't know what to do with.

Another museum project is the Grayling Winter Sports album, which we have been putting together so that people have an idea of the immensity of the heyday of the toboggan slides, the snow trains and magnificent thrones that John Deckrow and his crew designed. People have been most generous with their pictures, but we are still missing a lot of pictures of the Miss Grayling Winter Sports Queens. We would like to be able to have at least one picture of the queen from every year. We're asking you to dig through your photographs and come

up with pictures of Dorothy May from 1929, Helen Lietz from 1930, Lulu Malonen from 1934, Cora Lewis from 1935, Virginia Skingley from 1936, Francis Entsminger from 1939, and Norberta Weiss from 1940. You may drop them off at the Avalanche with the information as to who donated it, or call me at 348-7017.

We'll be asking for more pictures in the future.

Linda Stephens of Grayling, and her daughter, Marianne Conrad of Westland, spent some time in New York City, where they went for a final fitting and to pick up Marianne's wedding gown for her May 4 wedding.

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Local road funding hits all-time low

By Molly J. Gudritz
Capital News Service

"The road less traveled," a phrase used to describe the path taken to achieve personal goals, means something different to the people of Crawford County.

The local roads—because they are built on a sandy base and are greatly affected by seasonal changes—need to be completely resurfaced every 20 years.

That means to keep on schedule, five percent of these roads needs to be repaired every year.

Without constant upkeep, seasonal wear and tear can damage county roads beyond repair, said James Briney, Crawford County road commission managing director.

"Our roads suffer spring break-up every year," Briney said. "These roads need to be maintained properly every year, and we just don't have the money to do that right now."

With the budget for the 1996-1997 in the works, the commission is concerned about the amount of money it will see in the coming year.

The commission saw some heavy

losses last year when federal money for road repairs was taken away.

"Funding previously available, no longer is. This has an adverse impact on all eight county road systems in our region and throughout the state," Briney said.

County road and municipal groups stopped negotiations with Engler when their proposal for a 9.5-cent gasoline tax increase—phased in over three years—was denied, another major loss of funding for the commission.

Engler wanted an 8-cent tax increase, and the ability to give more of this money to state roads, rather than local and county roads.

"State roads only make up 30 percent of the total roads, but they are 80 percent more traveled than local roads," said Maureen McNulty, spokesperson for the Department of Management and Budget.

Because of this, Engler believes that state roads will need repair and general maintenance more frequently.

"Funding is at an all-time low right now," Briney said. "One of our main sources of funding is from the fuel tax and that hasn't been increased since 1984."

Those losses mean the commission will not be able to do McMasters Bridge Road or other priority projects in 1996.

This 8.46 mile road, between North Down River Road and M-72, needs reconstruction. Funding may not be available until 1999, at the earliest.

The greatest disappointment for the commission is that its top-priority project meets all requirements mandated by the federal and state governments, but federal and state funding is still not available, said Bob Nelson, Ken Chapp and Ray Swiercz, road commission board members.

Both McNulty and Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, agree there will not be much movement in funding for roads in the new budget.

"I don't see there being a significant change in the coming budget," Lowe said. "As far as the gas tax is concerned, I can't see a change in that until after the November elections."

It is expected road funding will become more of an issue in March, when it is brought before the Legislature, McNulty said.

Area showing of Charles Colson: Reluctant Prophet

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Pastor Ron Voelker and the congregation of Grayling Assembly of God Church would like you to attend their showing of this outstanding new film on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m., and again on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. The church is located on the I-75 Business Loop next to Scheer Motors.

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Michigan Week receives official declaration

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"Michigan is blessed beyond measure with natural wonders and man-made marvels, colorful seasons and diverse reactions," Governor Engler's proclamation reads. "We should all be proud of our majestic state and ready to share with others the many reasons why we call it home."

The theme for this year's celebration is "Michigan: Putting the World on

Wheels" honoring the centennial of automobile manufacturing.

For more information on Michigan Week 1996, contact Dr. R. Dee Woell,

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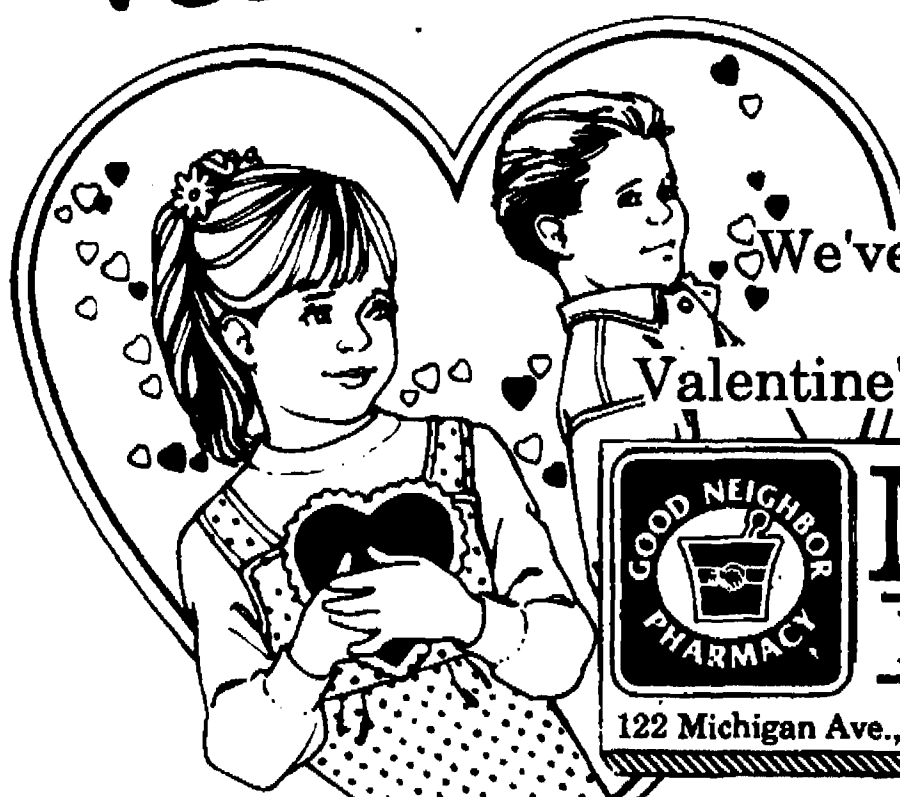
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Of valentines, marriage and Social Security

By Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

Valentine's Day always brings to mind a frequent question I get from older widows and widowers. They wonder if their Social Security benefits will stop if they marry.

Happily, for most of them, the answer is no. Marriage does not affect widow or widower benefits if they are 60 or older. Likewise, if a widow or widower is disabled at age 50-59, her or his benefits would not be affected by marriage.

This was not always true.

Many years ago, widows and widowers visited by Cupid found Valentine's Day pretty difficult to celebrate. Their benefits were stopped if they married. Consequently, many lived together without benefit of marriage, a situation some found deplorable.

However, younger widows will find their benefits affected by marriage, as do most other beneficiaries whose benefits are based on the earnings record of a retired, deceased or disabled

worker. Marriage will not affect the benefits of a person receiving benefits on his/her own work record, however. There are some other exceptions to these general rules, and you should call Social Security to discuss your situation if it does not fall into any of the above scenarios.

Also, if your new spouse is a Social Security beneficiary, you may want to apply for a benefit on his/her record if it would be larger than a widow(er)'s benefit. However, you cannot get both.

And be sure to remember to change your name with Social Security if you change your name after you marry. Otherwise your earnings may not be properly recorded and you may not receive all the Social Security credit due you for your work. You can call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or call the Traverse City office at (616) 946-8361, and report a name change.

Baggo-Cardo

New Cardo game on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m. in the afternoon.

Baggo-Cardo will consist of the traditional Cardo games with the added twist of the prizes being in bags and the winners will grab-bag their gift, sight unseen. Should prove fun and very interesting. Join the fun at 3 p.m. on Feb. 21, and stay on for dinner if you would like.

Coffee Klatsch

Come and join your friends and neighbors at our weekly Coffee Klatsch, every Friday morning at 10 a.m. Good fun and it is understood that one of the meanings of "klatsch" is talking and gossiping, however, that sort of thing won't be going on, (ha, ha!) It will be just a fun time and chit-chat about what's going on in this neck of the woods.

Watch out for long-term insurance scams

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) has an important warning for senior citizens: watch out for insurance agents and financial counselors offering free seminars to residents of senior housing sites. Though their stated purpose is to offer seminars about long-term care planning, their main intent is to sell insurance policies.

Many agents sell seniors duplicate or unnecessary coverage, while eliminating coverage they do need. For

example, recently a couple who arranged for long-term financial planning with such an agent unsuspectingly eliminated important nursing home coverage. They didn't find this out until they were asked to leave because of insufficient coverage. The medical coverage wasn't included in their new plan.

OSA recommends the following tips for any senior who have insurance agents or financial counselors talk to them about long-term care:

- Make sure the agent or counselor is licensed.
- Have someone review the presentation in advance.
- Have anyone interested in scheduling or attending presentations check with an authority before doing so.
- Invite a representative from the aging network so he or she can give a non-biased version (no profit motive) and cover official rules and regulations.
- Make sure that someone else reviews any documents or plans before signing anything or exchanging any money.

Let's Dance

The Commission on Aging will hold their first dance in February, on the 13th, and is their annual Valentine's Dance, and in keeping with the winter policy, it will be held at 12:30 p.m. on that date.

The second dance is in honor of "Sadie Hawkins" to celebrate the "leap year." It will start at 12:30 p.m., and those wishing to "dress" for the party can wear their bib overalls, jeans, ragged patches on their shirts, or whatever wear they so choose that is in the "Dogpatch" theme.

Controlling painful leg cramps

If you've ever been jolted awake by a leg cramp, you know how sudden and intense the pain can be.

Several factors, including dehydration, use of diuretics of overuse of your muscles can trigger leg cramps. They usually occur during rest or sleep. For relief:

• Stretch and massage—straighten your leg and point your toes upward, while you gently rub the cramp to help the muscle relax.

• Stand up—for a calf cramp, put your weight on the "cramped" leg and bend your knees slightly. For a thigh cramp, keep both legs straight and lean forward at the waist. Use a chair to steady yourself.

• Apply cold or heat—use a cold pack to relax tense muscles. Use a warm towel or heating pads later if you have pain and tenderness.

To prevent leg cramps:

• Stretch daily—Before bed, stand 2 to 3 feet from a wall, placing your hands on the wall. Keep your heels on the floor. Lean toward the wall and bend one knee. Hold 10 seconds. Straighten your leg. Repeat with the other knee. Stretch each leg five to 10 times.

• Drink six to eight cups of liquids daily—fluids help your muscles contract and relax.

Your doctor may prescribe Quinine or a muscle relaxant for frequent leg cramps.

Cards! Cards! Cards!

All you guys out there who like to play penny-ante poker are invited to join the fun every Monday and Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Strictly stag, so bring your "coppers" and plan on having one heck of a good time! P.S. They always have coffee and cookies, too!

For you ladies and gentlemen who prefer other cards, have your bridge or pinochle or euchre party at the senior center on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. This way you can have lunch and play, or play and have salad bar and dinner at 4:30. No fuss! No bother! Just fun! See you there!

Pancake supper, Friday, Feb 16

A fund-raiser pancake supper is planned for Friday, Feb. 16, at the center, from 4 to 7 p.m. The proceeds will be earmarked for seat cushions for the dining room chairs.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the staples, and those that can supply a staple or two can sign up at the center, or give us

a call, 348-7123. We will be needing boxes of complete pancake mix (the kind that only needs water), butter or margarine, syrup, kielbasa, link sausage, applesauce (commercially processed, not home-canned, etc.), coffee (both kinds), and napkins.

The costs of arthritis

Arthritis exacts devastating economic and human costs on Americans. According to the Arthritis Foundation, \$54.6 billion is the estimated annual cost of arthritis to the economy in medical care and lost wages.

Pain, fatigue, loss of movement, disability and job loss are some of the human costs to many of the 37 million Americans affected by arthritis. For about 3 million people, arthritis limits everyday activities such as dressing, bathing and walking.

People with arthritis make an average of eight visits annually to the doctor, or twice the average number of visits to physicians per person for all causes. Arthritis also is a leading cause of industrial absenteeism and, after heart disease, the second leading cause of disability payments.

If you have arthritis, you can help lessen its impact by

carefully following an individual health-care plan. Become an active partner with your doctor and other members of your health-care team. Take advantage of community services, such as Arthritis Foundation exercise, self-help and support groups.

The Arthritis Foundation advocates with state and national governments to reduce health-care costs for people with arthritis. To find out how you can help and to learn more about services in your area, contact your local Arthritis Foundation chapter. For general information and a free Basic Facts brochure, call the Arthritis Foundation Information Line, 1-800-283-7800.

The Arthritis Foundation supports research to find ways to cure and prevent arthritis, and seeks to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis.



Crawford County Commission On Aging

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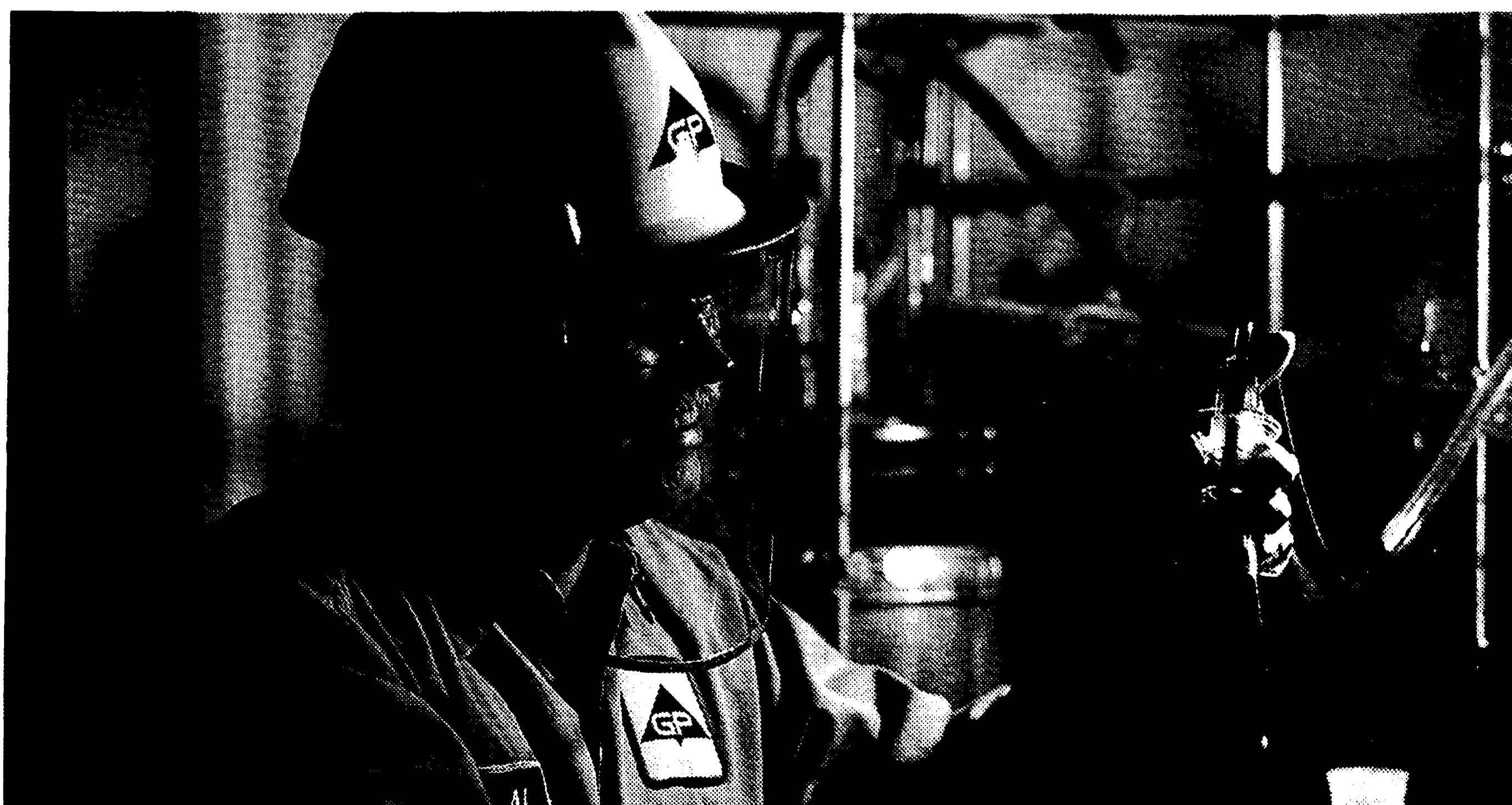


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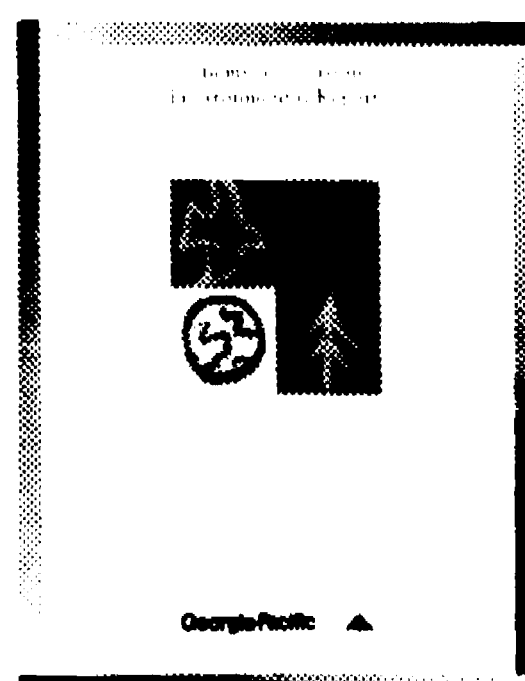


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Section B Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, February 8, 1996

Local volunteers promote responsible snowmobiling

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Early and hard snows this winter caught some local businesses unprepared to promote themselves to the thousands of avid snowmobilers that flocked north from the cities. When help was sought, they naturally turned to the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association (GGSA), a local group of snowmobilers dedicated to promoting safety and enjoyment in their sport.

After many previous attempts to organize local snowmobilers, the GGSA was formed in 1993. The purpose was to promote safe snowmobiling and to improve, maintain and add snowmobile trails and connectors; to serve the interest of snowmobile owners; to defend against discriminatory legislation, regulations and burdensome taxation, and to perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the group, and in the general public's interest.

In Michigan there are more than 200,000 registered snowmobiles, but recent news reports about snowmobile accidents have members of the GGSA crying foul.

GGSA member Neal Michal said a recent story appearing in a Detroit paper that said there have been 30 serious snowmobile accidents and two fatalities in Crawford County are just not correct.

"We're trying to do some good things by promoting responsible snowmobiling, but we're taking a bad rap," Michal said. "We need to set the record straight. There have been no snowmobile fatalities in Crawford County this year and the number of accidents is way down."

When the GGSA was formed in 1993, it was another in a long line of similar groups that had come and gone through the years, but the GGSA quickly moved to become a vital member of the community by joining the local chamber of commerce and visitor's bureau. It then sought memberships from persons and especially businesses who depend on snowmobiling for portions of their winter income.

Today, the group boasts 237 members, most from the local area, but some from southern Michigan and even Indiana and Ohio. The group currently runs an energetic six day per week trail-grooming program on approximately 50 miles of snowmobile trails. All of the club's labor, including groomer drivers, comes from volunteers who work for the love of the sport.

Since its beginning the GGSA has developed approximately 28 miles of new trails, which it keeps groomed to perfection.

The grooming program became possible when, in 1994, the GGSA purchased a Tucker 2000, state-of-the-art grooming

vehicle.

In all, Crawford County has thousands of miles of snowmobile trails, approximately 250 miles of which are groomed by the GGSA, Department of Natural Resources and snowmobile clubs and organizations from surrounding counties. Through the cooperation of these and other groups dedicated to snowmobiling, this year it is now possible to ride groomed trails from Harrison to the Mackinac Bridge, a distance of well over 150 miles.

The GGSA is currently working to develop three more trails, which it hopes to open next winter, including a trail through the City of Grayling which links forest trails both north and south, a Lovells to Roscommon trail, and another north/south connector east of Grayling.

To groom the new trails, the GGSA will soon purchase a second Tucker 2000 groomer.

To develop the trail through the city, the GGSA is working closely with two separate chamber of commerce committees and the Grayling City Manager. When completed, the through-town trail will necessitate a special small groomer, which has been promised to the group as a donation.

The GGSA is also dedicated to education. Two members of the group are certified snowmobile safety instructors, who work with DNR and sheriff department personnel to educate local kids in the safe operation of snowmobiles. In three years more than 150 local kids have received free snowmobile safety classes.

Another very important aspect of the club's mission is to assist in search and rescue operations. In the past year, GGSA members have been involved in five rescue operations including one in which a hunter was saved from probable death after becoming wet and being exposed to winter elements for many hours. When found, GGSA snowmobiles were able to rapidly carry him out of the woods to warmth and safety.

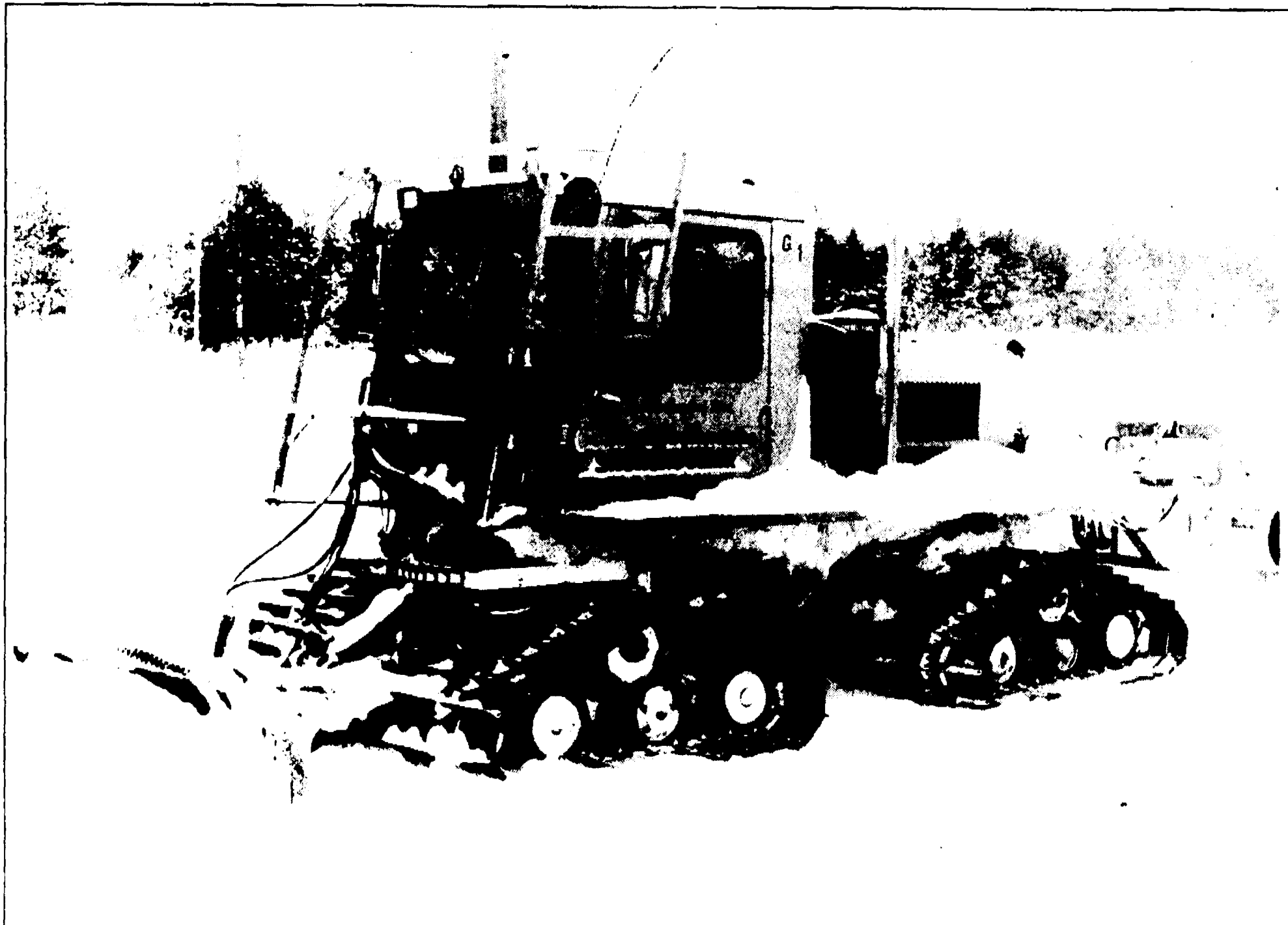
Michal said snowmobilers have raised thousands of dollars for charities through the years.

"Every year the Swamp in Frederic has raised lots of money for the cancer society with their poker runs," Michal said. "In Gaylord a group of snowmobiling ladies raised \$56,000 for Easter Seals last year."

"And snowmobilers certainly help the local economy," Michael added. "The drag races two years ago brought an estimated \$270,000 into the community in two days."

The GGSA is not all work, however. Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., club members meet at River Park Campground for an organized ride.

"We'd love to have people



THE TUCKER 2000 SNOW GROOMER--This is the best snow grooming machine that money can buy and it's owned by the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association. With snowmobiling growing as rapidly as it is, the club has plans to add more miles of trails to the local system, which it will maintain with a second Tucker 2000.

join us," Michal said, "if they're of their machines."

people who are interested in the The club also holds a monthly lawful and responsible operation membership meeting and

publishes a monthly newsletter.

For more information on the Association, persons may write to P.O. Box 134, Grayling, MI 49738, or call 1-800-937-8837.

Wertz Warriors ride state for special olympics kids



WERTZ WARRIORS RIDE OVER 900 MILES FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS -- 56 riders, including Mike "the bird" Fidrych, a 1976 all-star pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, stopped at several locations in Grayling as part of their fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Fidrych (L) is pictured with one of the original Wertz riders, Neil Foster. Frogies donated \$1,528 to the Warriors while Dingman's Bar presented the warriors with over \$12,000.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Winter Wolf Festival

We had a great weekend full of competitions, food and fun. It was wonderful to see so many friends at Hanson Hills for our festival.

February Fun Night!

Friday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 9 p.m., bundle up, bring the family and enjoy an evening together. There will be a bonfire and a night of sledding and skiing. A fee of \$5 per family will be charged and a meal deal in the snack bar will be available.

Ski Season

Parents and kids, here is the ski season schedule: Thursday and Friday evenings from 5-9 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 16 and 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no school on these days.

Private lessons are always available. Our cross-country trails are open seven days a week, along with our tubing and sledding hill. This year, we are offering a skating rink also. Whatever you need to enjoy the cold weather,

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Fourth and Fifth Grade Free Ski Program

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Adult Co-ed Volleyball

We need captains. Start getting your teams together. We are planning games on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Pom Pom Program

There are 31 girls in our new Pom Pom Program on Monday afternoons. Their first performance will be Saturday, Feb. 10, at 9:45 a.m. at the middle school gym. Come and see them.

Cross Country Ski Club

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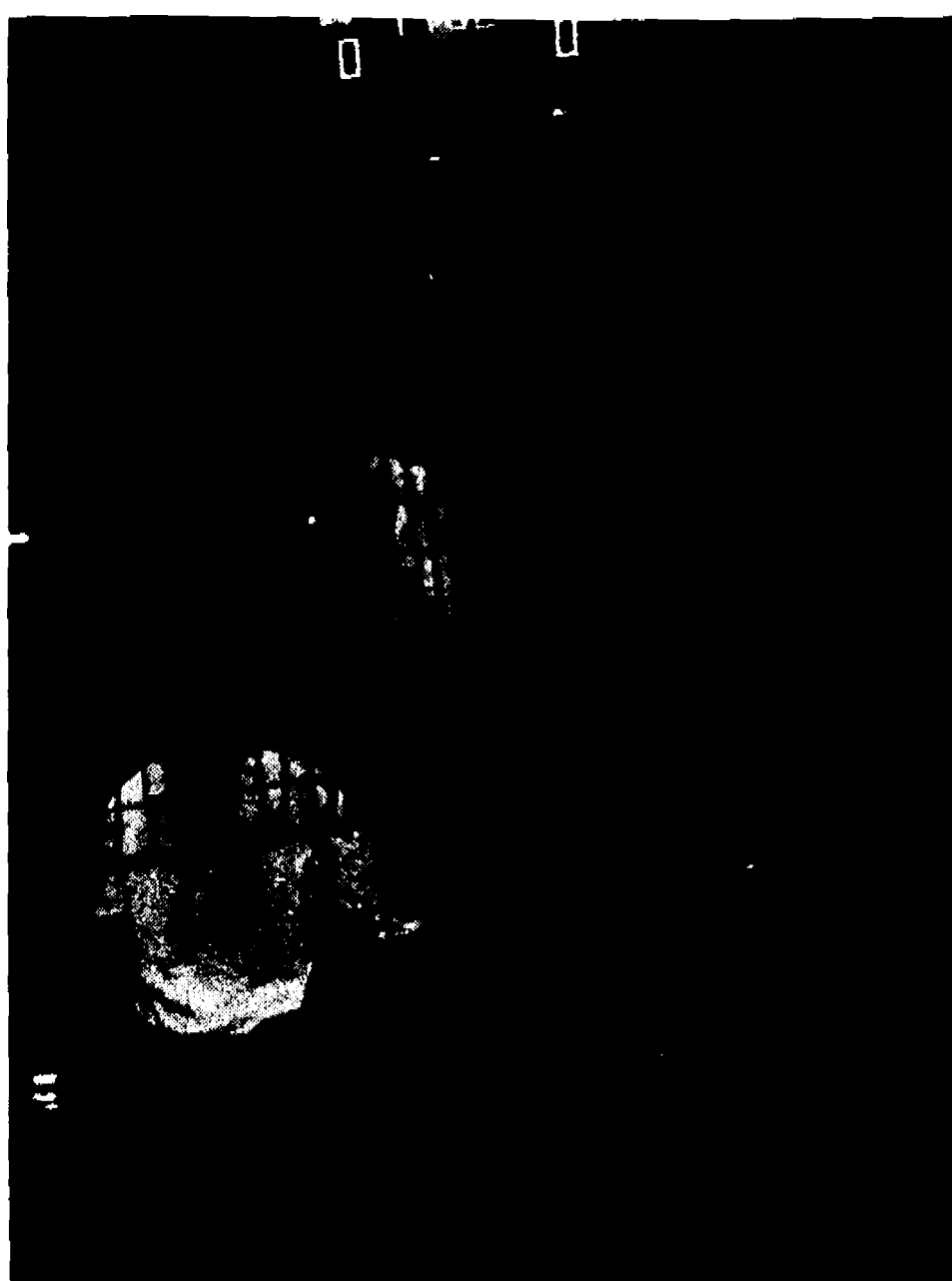
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HEATED ACTION--Viking senior Amy Neal goes up to spike the ball in recent varsity volleyball action at Kalkaska.

Viking netters give the Blue Blazers a reason to be 'Blue' last Friday

After a tough loss to Whittemore Prescott last week, the Viking netters needed a boost. They found it Friday, Jan. 26 in a make-up match with a scrappy Kalkaska Blue Blazer team. The Vikings defeated the Blue Blazers 15-9 and 15-8.

The Vikings had a balanced attack with strong hitting from Jessica St. Germain, Brooke Blaauw, Amy Neal, Trisha Ormsbee and Monica Lawrence. Kalkaska was defense oriented and kept returning balls, but couldn't successfully attack against Grayling's defense with any real consistency.

The win is the kick-off to a busy two weeks with games both Mondays and Wednesdays with tournaments on both Saturdays. The Vikings host the 4th annual Grayling Subway Invitational at Grayling High School on Saturday, Feb. 10. The day begins at 9 a.m. with eight teams competing.

Coach Rebecca Brown hopes to see some support for her team's efforts at the home games. The Vikings will host Charlevoix on Monday, Feb. 12. With play beginning at 6 p.m. at the Grayling High School gymnasium.

"We've started feeding our big hitters and the team is gaining confidence in each other," said Coach Brown.

"We went through a tough stretch, but hopefully we've learned a lot and are stronger for it...more focused on what we need to do to be competitive and successful."

"Everyone has been working well at practices and we're starting to showcase those efforts," she said.

Coach Brown was also pleased with the team's defense against Kalkaska.

"Jessica Waite and Vicki Creps really hustled to pick up balls in the back row and I think Neal, Blaauw and St. Germain represented a blocking threat that kept their hitters off-balance," she said.

The Vikings managed to complete 100 percent of their blocking attempts against Kalkaska. Neal contributed six of the 12 blocks to the team's defensive effort.

The passing efforts of the Viking netters was also top-notch with a 96 percent completion rate. Neal and Waite tied for the most team passes with 15 a piece.

Even spiking, the Vikings worst area of the day, had a solid 86 percent completion rate, with 38 of the 44 spikes being good. St. Germain led the spikes with 13, Neal and Blaauw each spiked eight.

GSB ski racing clinic continues through cold

The sub-zero temperatures didn't stop 26 area kids from taking part in the GSB racing clinic at Hanson Hills this past Sunday.

John Alef said, "This had to be the coldest day we have had since the program started. The kids ran a giant slalom course that proved to be fast and exciting."

In the pre-school and kindergarten group, Jessica Riddle finished first, followed by Rachel Doremire in second. The first- and second-grade boys were led by Kody Diola, with Andrew Hart finishing second. In the third- and fourth-grade-girls group, Allyson Diola finished first, followed by Jodi Riddle second, and Nichole Doremire third. Six third- and fourth-grade boys showed up and were ready to race. Joey Highlen took first, followed by Zach VanNuck second,

Matt Seager third, Paul Montagne fourth, Patrick McNally fifth, and Trevor Clough sixth. Joni Ames of Mio, led the fifth- and sixth-grade girls, Sasha Latuszek took second. Keil Clough finished first for the boys, followed by Ben McNally second, and Eric Hart third. There were eight seventh- and eighth-grade boys competing for the top honors. Ryan Stahl finished first, followed by Jason Boreo second, Luke Ames third, Geoff Montagne fourth, Derek Quick fifth, Eric Pojdaske sixth, Bobby Brinker seventh, and Wade Bacon eighth.

Alef would like to remind the kids that there are three more weekend of racing, then the year-end totals and overall results will be reported. After the last race, the participants will be awarded trophies and ribbons based on their total points for the season.

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Big night for Crawford County Habitat for Humanity

Crawford County Habitat for Humanity will be holding its first community-wide meeting Feb. 28. It will be held at Grayling High School in the library, from 7-9 p.m. If you are interested in anything to do with Habitat for Humanity, plan on attending this meeting. Your community needs your help in this

effort.

Habitat is a nation-wide effort to assist families in acquiring and maintaining sensible and affordable homes. It is time for Crawford County to step up and join the effort. Do yourself and your community proud, plan to attend.

Crawford County Resource Council strong and growing

People come and people go, but agencies and services usually remain in a community, especially if there are ongoing needs. The Crawford County Resource Council, because of its unique nature, has not only survived but grown over the past 20 years, and continues to reaffirm its purpose for existence.

"The Crawford County Resource Council (CCRC) actually evolved as a result of a committee known as Building Ties," said Sherry Haag, former director for the Commission on Aging. Haag said that it was determined that a resource council would provide a vehicle for area agencies to meet on a regular basis, discuss their services and share information with other organizations.

The main focus of the committee was to recognize and research unmet needs and to develop programs and services for senior citizens in Crawford County. It was a strong group back in the '70s, and in 1990, a set of by-laws was developed to focus on the purpose

of the council. Objectives were to develop a method for information, referral and communication among service providers, to avoid duplication of services within the county, to identify consistent unmet needs of the population at risk and to develop programs to address those unmet needs. One such program which developed as a result of an identified need through the CCRC, was Hospice Services.

Through the combined efforts of Amicare Home Healthcare, Grayling Mercy Hospital and the North Central Community Mental Health Agency, hospice was brought to the people of Crawford County.

A recent survey, mailed to current membership, indicates multiple benefits from ongoing attendance, which has doubled this past year.

"I hear about other agencies that I wasn't aware of, and that has been valuable for my clients. Brainstorming is good when an agency needs to discuss a need or concern. The speakers

POOL LEAGUE

Men's Pool League	
January 23, 1996	
Red Barn I	49-23
Plaza	39-33
Chief Shoppenagon's	37-35
Frederic Inn	36-36
Weyerhaeuser	33-21
Spike's	25-29
Red Barn II	24-30
Breakers	23-49
Frogs	22-32

GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Patti's/Camp Grayling	4-1
Fox Const./Hinkle RE/MAX	3-2
Spike's	3-2
Holiday Inn	2-3
Big Boy/Sylvester's	2-3
Weyerhaeuser	1-4
Big Boy/Sylvester's 64—Abney 31,	
Fortino 12, Shepler 12, Waite 3,	
Malinowski 3, Ritter 3; Patti's/Camp	
Grayling 62—White 17, Juntula 14,	
Doremire 9, Leask 8, Trudgeon 6,	
Dannenburg 5, Cooper 3.	
Holiday Inn 68—Simons 23, Meres	
17, Hamlin 14, Smith 8, Madill 4,	
Weaver 2; Weyerhaeuser 63—Dandy	
14, Ruddy 12, Trenary 11, Hull 11,	
Kelley 6, Grant 5, Pagel 4.	
Spike's 81—Patterson 36, Potter 16,	
Kolka 12, Thompson 10, Gardiner 7;	
Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/MAX	
73—Ryckman 22, Swope 16, Fox 11,	
Hinkle 11, R. Tobin 7, Harland 7,	

Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

Big Fish Tournament Feb. 16 - 17!

This past weekend brought us a real arctic cold front with hearsay readings down to 60° below zero. Needless to say, this slowed the fishing activities down to a crawl. However, those who were hearty enough to venture out on the ice caught some nice walleyes. They say some moderation of temperatures will be coming, so maybe this weekend will be better.

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners' Association will be sponsoring a Big Fish Tournament for Lake Margrethe only February 16 - 17. A \$25 cash prize will be awarded for the largest fish. Check in at Skip's Sport Shop by 5 pm, February 17. There is no cost to enter, so get out and try to catch a big one.



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BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League	
Scheer Motors	16-8
Mickey Perez CPA	15-9
Glen's Market	14-10
Connell	14-10
Fun-N-Sun Rental	12-12
Mark 8	10-14
Peterson Saw Service	9-15
North Country R.V.	6-18
High Game: K. Schmidt, 226, J. Cross, 185, K. McClain, 179. High Series: K. Schmidt, 498, J. Cross, 492, A. Masej, 486.	

Senior Citizens League	
Buccilli's	50-30
Sylvester's	45-35
Tonen's Body Shop	43-37
Baynham	39-41
Connell's	39-41
Century 21	38-42
Flowers by Josie	34-46
Larry & Joan's	32-48
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 232, A. Wilde, 185, P. Mead, 178. Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 542, A. Wilde, 503, P. Mead, 464.	
Women's High Game: D. Brantley, P. Harris 169, D. Mead, 167. Women's High Series: D. Brantley, 455, P. Harris, 445, P. Essimbre, 442.	

American Mens League	
Fenton's Auto Service	29-6
McLeans Hardware	23-12
Upper Lakes Tire	19-16
Stitches by Sue	16-19
Auto Parts	15-20
BCI	14-21
Red Barn	13-22
Rod's Auto Body	11-24
High Game: L. Davis, 245, R. Pyle, 231, D. Mansfield, 215. High Series: L. Davis, 564, T. Devins, 562, J. Helzel, 561.	

Thursday Coffee League	
Johnson's Survey	17
Buccilli's	16
Lone Pine	14-5
AuSable Construction	11

Glen's Market	11
Wakeley Auto Parts	9
Shady Acres	9
Plaza Bar	8.5
High Game: D. Buccilli, 199, B. Helzel, 180, A. Payne, 173. High Series: D. Buccilli, 577, B. Helzel, 496, S. France, 487.	

Sunday Night Mixed Doubles	
Us & Them	14-6
Mac's Drugs	13-7
M.A.D.S.	12-8
CSI	10-10
Glen's Market	10-10
Robideau Const.	8-12
All Seasons Drywall	7-13
Computer Services	6-14
Men's High Game: R. Pyle, 206, J. Helzel, 200, S. Miller, 194. Men's High Series: J. Helzel, 569, R. Pyle, 533, M. Miller, 509.	
Women's High Game: S. Sumner, 202, C. Strong, 184, J. Hurd, 170. Women's High Series: M. Hawkins, 471, C. Strong, 468, J. Hurd, 465.	

Pleasure League	
Aunt Betty's	12-4
Chemical Bank	10-6
Eagles	9-7
Custom Interior	9-7
Mercy Hospital	7-9
Millikin's	6-10
Avalanche	6-10
M&M Crafts	5-11
High Game: J. Yoder, C. Jones, 202, I. Hatfield, 200, K. Morrill, 196. High Series: K. Moshier, 518, N. Glaslee, 510, D. Anthony, 498.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
No Fear	22-6
Moshier Auto Repair	16-12
Cedar Motel	15-13
Advance Collision	14-14
Aunt Betty's	12-16
A.H. Rental & Repair	12-16
AJD	11-17
A. Bulldog Towing	10-18
Men's High Game: D. Lozon, 213, R. Lozon, 184, K. Miller, 183. Men's High Series: R.	

Lozon, 499, C. Beck, 485, D. Lozon, 466.	
Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 197, A. Stephan, 164, S. Muth, 158. Moshier, 165.	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 493, S. Muth, 450, A. Stephan, 448.	

Northwood League	
House of Cabinets	17
Millikin's	17
Wakeley's Auto Parts	16
Subway	16
Rich's Cycle Service	14
Patti's Towne House	13
Stitch-In-Time	11
Pearls & Lace	8
High Game: S. Romain, 202, S. Hamey, 190, T. Jones, 182. High Series: S. Hamey, 503, P. Pitman, 500, S. Romain, 497.	

National League	
Forrest Bros. Inc.	13
Budweiser	12
Moore's Automotive	12
Breakers Steak House	10
Carquest	10
House of Cabinets	9
Guns & Grub	8
City Environmental	6
High Game: R. Boonie, 237, E. Harris, 209, A. Angove, 205.	
High Series: R. Boonie, 604, A. Angove, 595, D. Canfield, 546.	
Jan. 25 Results: High Game: D. Henning, 226, M. Millikin, 223, A. Angove, 205, 218, T. Kourash, 213, 203. High Series: A. Angove, 578, D. Canfield, 566, D. Henning, 559.	

Triangle League	
JJ's Motor Mall	18-6
Roshy Const.	14-10
Deb & Dale's	13-11
Grayling Ford	13-11
A. Bulldog Towing	13-11
Jackson Trio	10-14
Barber Cosmt.	8-16
Spike's	7-17
High Game: D. Henning, 226, D. Lozon, 223, S. Yarger, 205. High Series: D. Henning, 593, L. Davis, 564, J. Robideau, 548.	

Class of 1976 needs addresses

The Class of 1976 is planning their 20th class reunion and are looking for addresses for the following people: Keith Millard, Jim Bindschael, Leigh Cary, Debbie Kirsch, David Jochims, Pat Gildner, Glenda Stoddard, Mary

Fender, Thea Youngs, Penny Winslow, Cindy Steinbrink, Beth Moody and Cheryl Martin.

If you have information on any of these names, call Nancy Ruhl Carlisle at 348-2654.

Project Graduation to meet

GHS Project Graduation '96 will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m., at Grayling High School. Anyone interested in

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Northland and Ogemaw credit unions merge

Northland Area Federal Credit Union (NAFCU) and Ogemaw Community Credit Union have merged, announced Terry Bigda, NAFCU president. The merger was proposed in December of 1995, and approved by the national Credit Union Administration late last month.

According to Lorie Williams, president of the Ogemaw credit union, board members looked for a possible merger with a larger credit union as

operational costs rose, resulting in closure of offices in Rose City and Skidway Lake.

Ogemaw credit union has assets of \$7 million and 3,400 members while NAFCU has assets of about \$67 million and 22,000 members. The latter also has 11 offices now including the Ogemaw office at 111 S. Third Street in West Branch, which remains open with the merger.

NAFCU has 10 offices, including one in Grayling.

HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalamazoo, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Question: I've heard a lot lately about carbon monoxide poisoning. Is this something I should be concerned about?

Signed: Worried reader

Answer: Carbon monoxide poisoning is far too common an occurrence. Every year, approximately 10,000 people need some type of medical attention because of exposure to this deadly gas. Of these victims, 1,500 die from carbon monoxide poisoning. Many of them were never aware of the extreme danger associated with carbon monoxide.

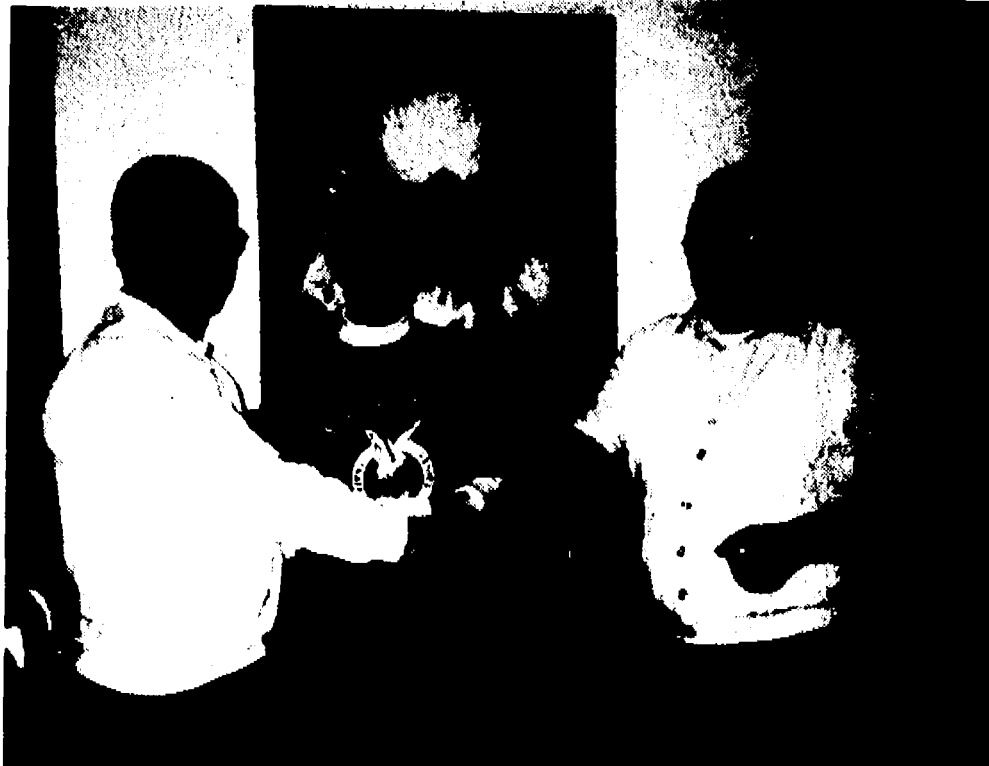
Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas. When it is present in an enclosed area, those exposed to it may develop headaches or feel nauseous, sleepy or dizzy. If the length of exposure time continues, symptoms worsen and may include vomiting or fluttering of the heart. If carbon monoxide levels are high enough over an extended period of time, the victim may lose consciousness or even die.

What causes carbon monoxide poisoning? Any fuel-burning equipment may be a source of carbon monoxide including fuel-burning

furnaces which are not regularly serviced or cared for properly. Small barbecue grills, space heaters, gas dryers, hot-water heaters and fireplaces may also be a danger when used improperly. In cold weather, when doors and windows are shut, the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning is greater. Follow these simple runs to reduce your risk:

- If your home is new and airtight, keep windows slightly open.
- Have your fuel-burning appliances checked before the heating season begins.
- Make sure the furnace chimney isn't blocked by leaves, birds nests or soot.
- Never run engines in a closed garage.
- Avoid sitting in a running car for any length of time. Have your car's exhaust system checked periodically.
- Never burn charcoal inside the house either in a grill, barbecue or fireplace.
- Don't use your gas range to heat a room.
- Purchase and use a carbon monoxide detector.

Call the Environmental Health Division of the health department if you would like more information about carbon monoxide poisoning. The health department also has available inexpensive carbon monoxide detectors for home use. The cost of CO detectors is \$5, and they may be purchased at your local Environmental Health Office.



SHERIFF JOINS FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES—

On Dec. 22, 1995, Dave Lovely was initiated into Grayling Aeries 3465 by Worthy President John Kuszak. The Eagles are strong supporters of local law enforcement. A donation of \$550 was presented to Sheriff Lovely, by Marsha Rozycki and Worthy President John Kuszak, for road patrol equipment. These funds were obtained through donations from a law enforcement dinner held in November, in addition to funds from the Aeries and Auxiliary groups. Also, Deputy Paul Smith heads the D.A.R.E. program for the sheriff department, he will be receiving a \$1,000 grant from the Eagles to the D.A.R.E. program.

THE GARDEN CORNER

A service of the Crawford County MSU Extension Office

Master Gardener program to begin

Spring is months away yet, though it's time to begin to think and plan next season's garden. Those who dream of spring can begin to develop their green thumbs this month through a program offered by the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension. *Master Gardener* is an intense comprehensive educational program.

MSU Extension is providing its *Master Gardener* program from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 20, and continuing through April 30. Classes will be held at the Lyon Township Hall in Higgins Lake. The course fee is \$150 for individuals and \$200 per household if household members share the provided 500-page reference notebook. Instructors for the course will be a combination of

university and professionals in their field.

To qualify as a master gardener, 10 weeks of 3-hour classes, including plant and soil science, lawn care, pest management, woody ornamentals and flower gardening must be completed.

In addition to course work, gardeners must complete 40 hours of community service, including answering gardening questions for others, working on community beautification, talking to local groups, leading a garden group or other activities.

For more information, or for registration forms, interested people may contact the Crawford County Extension Office at (517) 348-2841, ext. 264, or the Roscommon Extension Office at (517) 275-5043.

PINE WHISPERS

By Wil Shapton

As the newest staff member and history specialist at Hartwick Pines State Park, I'd like to share with you a little of my own history, and in particular, describe my early experiences as a logger in Iowa.

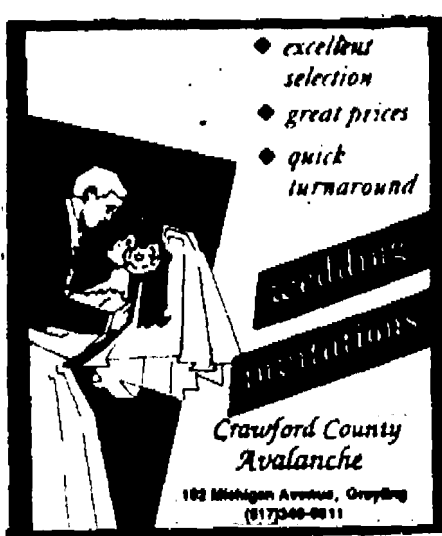
Though I am from the U. P. of Michigan, I worked for a while on a living history farm museum near Des Moines. It was our job to dress in 1875 clothing, cook, eat, work, and generally live as much as possible just as people would have done in the late 19th

Century.

One day, it became necessary for a co-worker and I to cut down a tree. I had always been curious about the use of a 2-man cross-cut saw, so, after chopping down the tree with an axe, we went at it. Cross-cut saws of this type are quite long (ours was about 5 feet, but they can get much longer) and awkward to use when the tree is already on the ground. You either have to bend over or sit right down. Before about 1875, an axe was used to "fell" (cut down) a tree and a cross-cut saw to "buck" it (cut it up into logs). After that date, the saw was used for both tasks (as one lumberjack song puts it "if you have timber up, we'll cut it down. If you have timber down, we'll cut it up.")

The change occurred when saw-makers started putting special "raker" teeth on the saw blades to pull sawdust out of the cut (or "kerf"). The "2-man cross-cut" name comes from the fact that it is used only for cutting across a tree, not lengthwise (with the grain), which would be a rip-saw. There is a handle at each end, and two people work at it, alternately pulling the saw towards them and then waiting while the other guy pulls it back. Pushing the saw, or riding it, or twisting it sideways, will get the blade stuck in the tree and make the job a lot harder. After a while, the two sawers work up a rhythm and the thing just hums along. It was easier than I thought it would be, but after cutting the trunk into woodstove-size pieces, my arm thought it would fall off from exhaustion.

It took my buddy and me the better part of five hours to fell and cut-up that one small tree. By way of comparison, a pair of sawers in the 1880s would be expected to fell 20-25 white pines, and cut them up into about 100 16-foot logs, every day. It just goes to prove I make a better historian than a logger.



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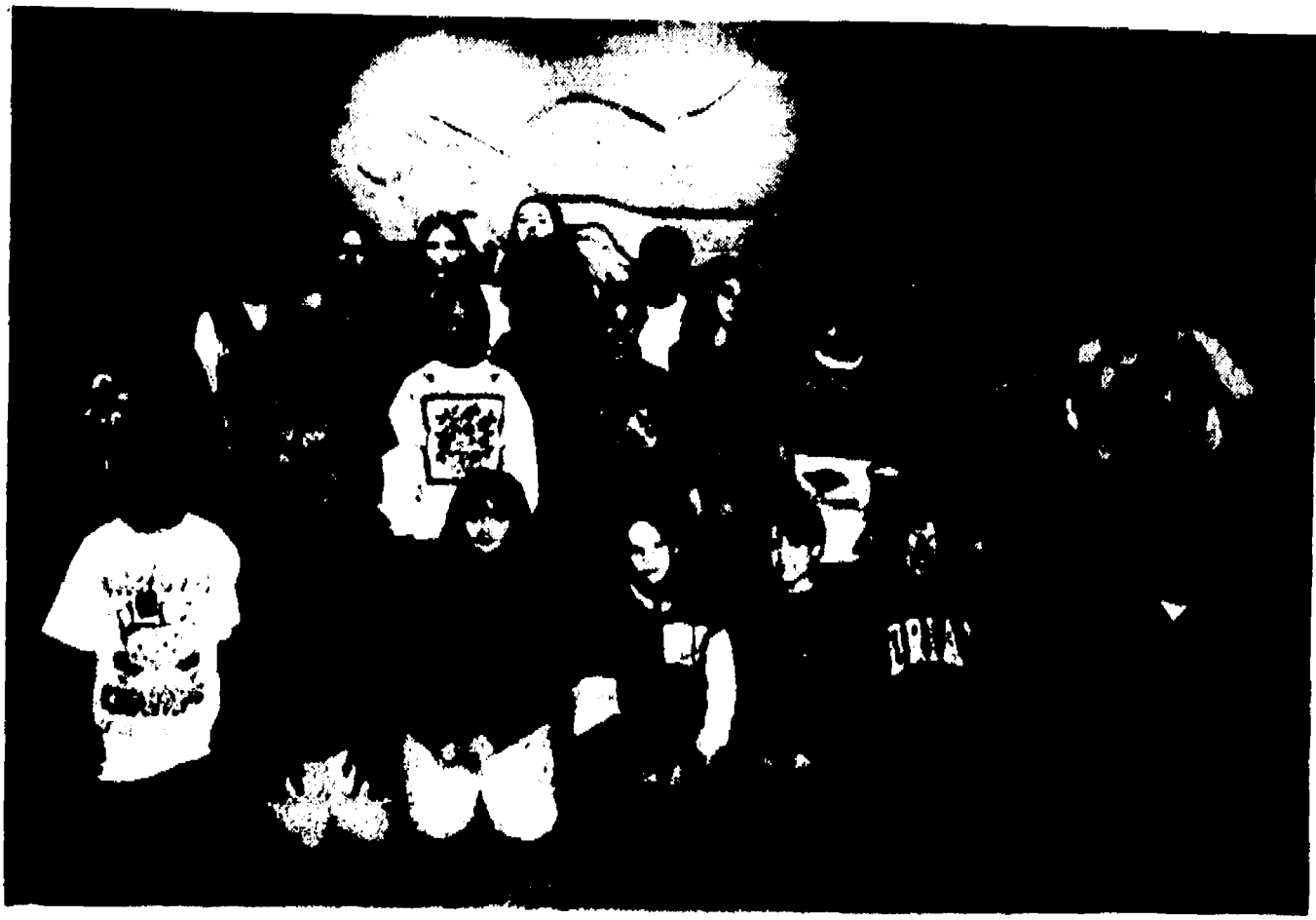
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January Students of the Month



JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Grayling Middle School were William Armstrong, Laura Bale, Larry Baynham, Bethanie Black, Jesse Bonenfant, Angela Cooper, Daniel Corwin, Michael DeMoines, Brek Denewett, Anna Fortino, Sarah Goinick, Holly Gregoire, Missy Jackson, Mitch Kersey, Kyle Langseth, Teresa Legg, Adam Orman, Tressa Ney, Cheryl Papendick, Branden Pyle, Jenny Robbins, Jill Ryther, Johnna Schultes, Shane Stephenson, Stephanie Wakeley, Andrew Winger, Karen Wyman and Kathy Wyman. Not pictured are George Bielat, Anneliese Finke, and Andrew Smith.

MILITARY NEWS

Army Pvt. Aimee L. DeVries has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

DeVries is the daughter of Jerrene M. Voight and Gregory C. Stepp, both of Grayling.

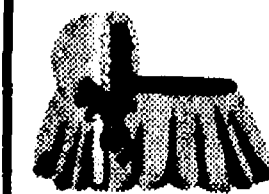
Army Pvt. Thomas D. Oberg has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

During the course, students received training which qualified them as light-weapons infantrymen and as indirect-fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad.

Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations.

Oberg is the son of Susan Love and stepson of Gerald Love of Grayling.

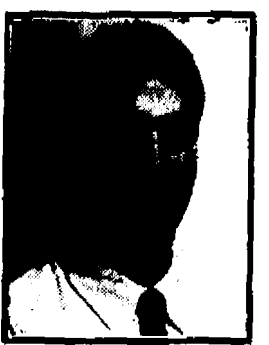
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Holiday Inn Viking of the week



Volleyball

Brooke Blaauw

Viking senior Brooke Blaauw was chosen for her outstanding serves and her upbeat, hard hitting and hard working ethics as a team leader.

Holiday Inn Viking of the week



Wrestling

David Shepherd

Viking junior Dave Shepherd has compiled an impressive 23-5 overall record and recently placed second in the Whittemore-Prescott Invitational.

Holiday Inn Viking of the week



Basketball

Scott Hartman

Viking senior Scott Hartman was named by his coach for "playing solid basketball" after struggling early in the season with an illness.

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Numbers increase at health dept.

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

The number of clients seen at the District Health Department #1 has increased more than 50 percent since 1990.

In 1990, the health department gave 1,664 shots to 919 clients. That number has increased to 2,776 shots given in 1995 to 1,169 clients. Of the 2,776 shots given, 1,744 were given to children under two years of age.

There are nine permanent employees at the Crawford County health department. The department is one of the four counties that make up District Health Department #1. The other counties are Wexford, Missaukee and Roscommon.

Other programs offered by the local health department including the food-supplemental program WIC, for women, infants and children, and MSS/ISS, a mother/infant support system. WIC clients have increased from 336 in 1990 to 502 clients in 1995. WIC provides low-income families with supplemental food such as milk, eggs, baby formula and peanut butter.

MSS/ISS clients have increased from 32 in 1990 to 82 in 1995. This is where the client visits with a health department nurse on a monthly basis to discuss what is occurring during the pregnancy, including development of the fetus, mother's nutritional habits and weight gain. ISS is for after the baby is born to discuss the needs of the infant.

In 1990, Crawford County paid

73,000 to the District Health Department #1, of which \$6,718 was rent. In 1995 Crawford County spent \$76,746 for their share of the costs of District Health Department #1. At the county board of commissioners meeting on

Tuesday, Jan. 23, Michael Skoog of DHD #1 returned \$6,252 to the county. In 1990, the county did not receive a refund from DHD #1. This year, a total of \$35,000 was returned to the four participating counties.

Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake

Average Base: 12 inches. Surface Conditions: Excellent, freshly groomed, all eight trails open. Deep track set, skating lanes combed. Hours: Open Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; Sunday through Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm. 2 lighted trails open Friday & Saturday, dusk til 9 pm. (517) 821-6661. Special Note: Serving hot chocolate on Saturdays in the Trapper's Cabin. Free introduction to classic and skate skiing at 4 pm, February 10th.

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Cross Country Ski Shop - Grayling

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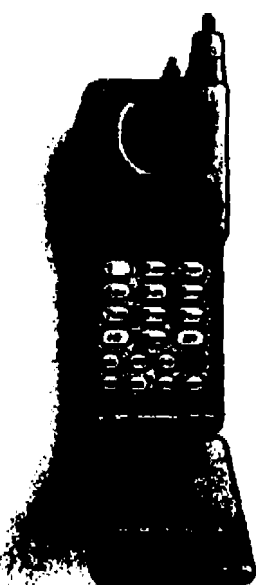
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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

Groundhog Day has but recently come and gone, and we all know the legend surrounding the lack of, or the appearance of a shadow. Whether or not there was a shadow has little to do with the fact we are now half way through winter. February is generally the coldest month of the year, as evidenced by temperature data collected for many years. Contributing factors to those low temperatures are related to how much cooler the soil is now than two months ago, even though it is insulated somewhat by the snow and the extent of land surface covered by snow. The snow reflects the sun's heat until the length of daylight hours serves to overpower the reflective qualities of the snow.

On Feb. 2, the early farmer took a serious look at his remaining supply of firewood and livestock feed while the old saying of, "Half your wood and half your hay you should have on Candlemas Day," would be echoing in his mind. If the wood supply was low, it would be no easy matter to gain access to a supply of dry seasoned

wood due to distance to the woodlot and or the depth of snow. With only an ax or cross-cut saw, the process of adding to the wood pile was not to be taken lightly.

Way back when hay was stacked outside and exposure to the elements might render it unfit for your livestock, taking stock of those reserves was not only a tradition, but essential as well. In a day before barns sheltered animals and feed alike, the condition and quantity of the feed might well determine the necessity of selling animals, if a buyer could be found, or if you would have to take the drastic action of butchering those animals you might not be able to feed.

In the Christian Church, Feb. 2 is a festival celebrating the occasion when Mary went to Jerusalem to be purified 40 days after the birth of Jesus, and the name Candlemas is said to have come from the custom of observing the festival with lighted candles. No matter what title you applied to the date, look to your wood supply and remember an old weather proverb, "If February gives much snow, a fine summer it does foreshow." We shall see.

A reminder that the Higgins Lake Winterfest will be held at South Higgins Lake State Park on Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come join the family fun.

Michigan Jr. Miss state program tickets available

The Michigan State Junior Miss Scholarship Program Committee in Alpena, are pleased to announce that tickets for the state program finals for the 38th annual program will go on sale Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Tickets for the program will be available at the Fletcher Motel/Grove Complex office in Alpena. Ticket pricing is reserved main floor \$15, and upper balcony \$10. They may be purchased at the complex office or via mail by writing Fletcher Motel/Grove Complex, 1001 Hwy. US-23 North, Alpena, MI 49707, Attn: Michigan Jr. Miss Tickets.

There are six senior girls from northern Michigan that are in this year's state finals. They are Heather Benz, Houghton Lake Jr. Miss; Melissa Bisson, Rogers City Jr. Miss; Jaymie Corlew, Grayling Jr. Miss; Sarah Robbins, Alpena Jr. Miss; Amanda Romel, Posen Jr. Miss; and Erika Wong, Thunder Bay Jr. Miss. They, along with 10 other senior girls from around the state, will arrive in Alpena on Feb. 25, to begin preparation for the finals slated for Saturday, March 2, at the Stanley C. Beck Auditorium in Alpena.

Beyond the Garden Wall explores the world of indoor plants

Ever wonder why house plants flourish for some and not for others? Teresa Essenmacher, advanced master gardener and instructor, will reveal her secrets for making your inner garden grow and bloom at the upcoming meeting of Beyond the Garden Wall Club. Essenmacher will discuss common plant diseases, the use of fertilizers, how to spot problems quickly and answer gardeners' questions. Those attending may bring a plant, with extra containers filled with soil, to learn the art of dividing a plant.

This presentation is the fourth of a series sponsored by the Grayling-based group, to provide different aspects of gardening and to give those interested

an opportunity to share information with other garden enthusiasts. Members will meet at St. Mary's Learning Center on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Club member, Jackie Bindschattel, held everyone's interest for two and one-quarter hours last month, by demonstrating the use of the amazing computerized program called "Plant It." With Bindschattel's quick hand on the keyboard, members were able to request and access information on 1,000 different plants. "Plant It" is on computer at the Grayling MSU Extension Service office.

Call secretary Gaye Pizzi at 348-2841, for more information on this unique data-base program.

Actor in current movie 'Mr Holland's Opus' to appear on stage at Kirtland

Anthony Natale, an actor with The National Theatre of the Deaf, which will present the comedy *An Italian Straw Hat* at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m., is featured in the current hit film *Mr. Holland's Opus*, with actors Richard Dreyfuss, Olympia Dukakis, Jay Thomas and Glenn Headley.

In the film, Natale is one of the three actors portraying Dreyfuss' deaf son as he grows up. Natale plays the 28-year-old son at the movie's culmination. Dreyfuss as his father, is an inspiring high school music teacher and would-be orchestra conductor, who tries to find a way to share his love of music with his deaf son. Film critic Rex Reed recently praised Natale for doing a "dazzling job" in the film

and predicted that "a star is born." Reed revealed that "the film renews my faith in American film making."

Natale is in his second year with the Tony Award-winning National Theatre of the Deaf. He has a degree in film production and Theatre Arts from California State University, Northridge.

In *An Italian Straw Hat*, Natale plays the role of Emile, a handsome soldier at the heart of a hilarious whirlwind romance set in Paris at the turn of the century. The play will be performed in The National Theatre of the Deaf's signature style, a combination of Sign Language and spoken words.

Tickets for *An Italian Straw Hat* can be purchased by calling the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

RSVP HAPPENINGS

By Gloria Mologianes

After this past weekend, I would think that, like myself, a lot of you can't wait for warm weather and spring. Not very nice weather for people to be out in, but just think of those unfortunate seniors in our community who can't get out. If it were not for all the wonderful volunteers in our

communities, these people would go without meals and necessary visits to their doctors. Short of putting their own lives in danger, our volunteers will go through anything to make sure these people get what they need to go through life.

Also appreciated are the volunteers who help at the schools, hospital, and other areas in our communities. Many people don't realize the impact volunteers have on them. If we were to have to try to accomplish everything they do without them, for even one week, we would see just how invaluable they are.

Next time you see a volunteer, give them a warm smile and a big "thank you." They deserve it. And if you would like to see about joining this elite group, give us a call at 348-4341.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on Feb. 9 and cease on Feb. 11.

The Small Arms ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on Feb. 9 and cease on Feb. 11.

The Range 40 Complex located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F-97 (Twin Bridge Road). Firing will begin on Feb. 9 and cease on Feb. 11.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on Feb. 7 through Feb. 11, and Feb. 13 through Feb. 14.

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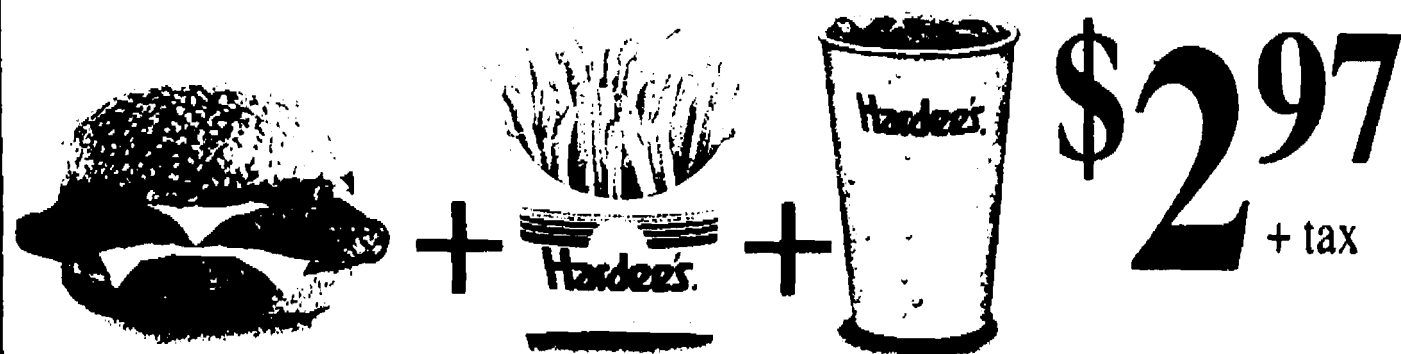
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Donating property

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Answer: When you make contributions of property such as household items, you may deduct the property's fair-market value on your tax return. The fair-market value of most household property is the price the item would sell for at a thrift shop or yard sale. Special rules may apply, however, for property that has increased in value.

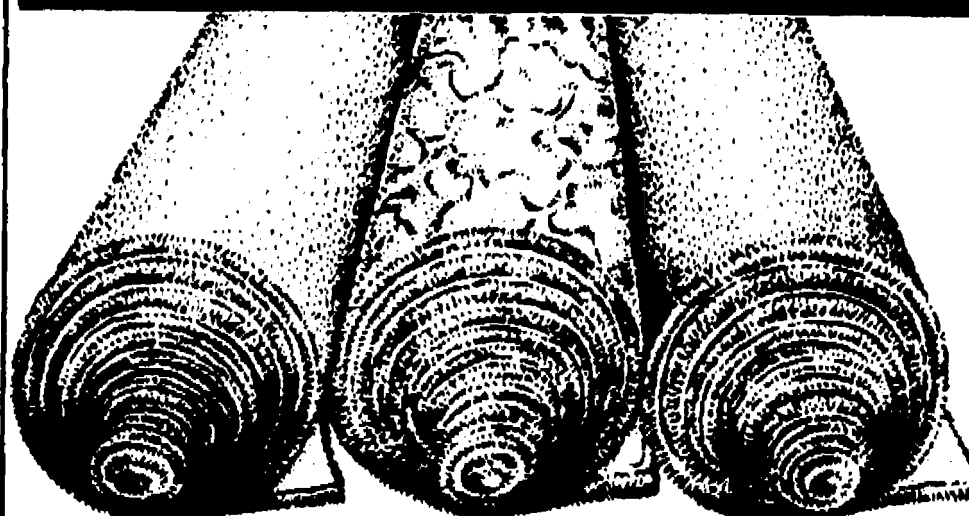
For your records, you should keep an itemized list of all items you donate along with their estimated fair-market value. You should also have a receipt from the charitable organization indicating the date that property was, in fact, received from you.

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Viking wrestlers finish 4th in annual Whittemore-Prescott Invitational

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The Grayling High School Viking wrestling team traveled to Whittemore-Prescott on Saturday, Feb. 3 to participate in the annual Whittemore-Prescott Invitational.

When all matches were over in the multi-team event, the Vikings came out in fourth place overall, with a total of 140.5 points.

Placing first, and bringing home tournament championships for the Vikes, were senior Dale Kniss wrestling at 215 pounds and 130 pound

sophomore Ben Malonen. Kniss has compiled a season record of 31 victories against just one defeat. Malonen is 31-11.

Placing second for the Vikings were juniors Josh Taylor and Eddie Davis, and sophomore David Shepherd. Shepherd wrestles at 119 pounds, Davis at 125 pounds and Taylor at 140 pounds.

Finishing third were Viking juniors Dana Beckwith at 103 pounds and Jason Hall at 135 pounds.

Also scoring points in the tourney was 152 pound sophomore Nate Niederer.

Whittemore-Prescott won the tournament scoring 237 points. Oscoda finished second with 171.5 points and Rochester was third with 159.5 points.

This weekend the Vikings return to Whittemore for the Great Northern Conference, division championships.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, Grayling will host the individual district tournaments on the home mats against teams from Kalkaska and Benzie Central.

Viking head coach Don Ferguson said he is expecting his wrestlers to do quite well. Wrestling will begin at 6 p.m.

County unemployment up in December

The northern Lower Peninsula's unemployment rate in November was 8.2 percent, which was an increase of 0.9 percentage points from the November rate of 7.3 percent.

Over the month, wage and salary employment declined by 625 jobs. The greatest job reductions took place in construction, followed by food and kindred products manufacturing as an early winter curtailed outdoor construction and crop harvesting activities. Also, seasonal declines continued in the retail trade sector, primarily due to bad weather.

Employment gains were noted over the month in private non-professional services as the same bad weather with plenty of snow caused increased hiring at area ski resorts.

December's unemployment rate compares unfavorably with both the Michigan rate of 4.7 percent and the national rate of 5.2 percent.

The highest rate in the northern Lower Peninsula during December was recorded in Cheboygan County at 16.0 percent, while the lowest rate was in Grand Traverse County at 5.1 percent.

In Crawford County, the total civilian labor force was 5,100. The total number of employed persons was 4,725 and the total unemployed was 375. The December unemployment rate of 7.3 percent compares unfavorably to the rate of December, 1994, which was 7.2 percent.

1995 Unemployment
Crawford and surrounding counties

County	Dec.	Nov.
Astoria	7.2	7.4
Ontonagon	5.8	5.4
Montmorency	13.7	11.7
Oscoda	9.0	7.8
Crawford	7.3	6.4
Kalkaska	7.9	6.8
Missaukee	7.5	6.3
Roscommon	9.1	7.3
Ogemaw	9.1	8.0

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD PUBLICATION NOTICE

Decedent's Estate

File No. 96-005511-IE

Estate of Margaret Elizabeth Stewart.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing was held on Jan. 18, 1996, in the probate courtroom, Crawford, Michigan before Judge John G. Hunter on the petition of Florence A. Hough requesting Florence A. Hough be appointed personal representative of Margaret Elizabeth Stewart who lived at 4978 Dawn Drive, Grayling, MI 49738, Michigan, and who died Dec. 24, 1995, and requesting also the will of the deceased dated Nov. 1, 1995 be admitted to probate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

Date: Jan. 24, 1996

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NOTICE BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

Bear Lake Township will hold a proposed budget hearing for fiscal year 1996-97 on Saturday, February 10, 1996, at the Bear Lake Community Center at 10 am. The proposed budget can be viewed for inspection at the hall on February 8 from 10 am to noon or by calling the clerk at 258-4359.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, February 27, 1996, beginning at 7:30 pm (approximately), in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

Case #96-2: William J. Collias, petitioner.
P.O. Box 890
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Code: 20-045-766-09-037-00
20-045-766-08-001-00

Location: M-72 West and Maybelle Ave.
Section 9, T26N, R4W.

A request to re-zone from Residential (R-2) to Commercial (C-1) for the purpose of constructing and operating an Ice Cream Parlor.

Case files and zoning maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

NOTICE

The Crawford County Strong Families/Safe Children Family Coordinating Council is currently accepting proposals for contract awards authorized by the Executive Directors for the services listed below.

Contracts as a result of this Request for Proposal (RFP) are expected to begin March 1, 1996 and end September 30, 1996. Funding of comprehensive services for a second year beginning October 1, 1996 will be decided by the SFSC Executive Directors in the summer of 1996.

Parenting Program:

• Provide parenting education to caretakers of young children, in their homes or small groups.

FY 96 - \$5,500 FY 97 - \$10,087

Resource Directory

• Develop and maintain a computerized data base of the Health and Human Services available to residents of Crawford County.

• Produce and distribute 150-200 Health and Human Services Directories formatted to the specifications of the Strong Families/Safe Children Family Coordinating Council.

FY 96 - \$9,547 FY 97 - \$416

Child Care Services

• Provide on site child care services for 25 children of parents attending the Adult Education Program.

FY 96 \$6,600 FY 97 - \$12,379

Latchkey

• Develop and run an After School (3 to 6 pm) Care Program with age appropriate activities at Grayling Elementary School.

FY 96 - \$4,999 FY 97 - \$3,668

Sexual Abuse Counseling

• Provide counseling for school age children who are victims of sexual abuse.

FY 96 - \$6,000 FY 97 - \$8,252

Recreation Assistance

• Administer funding to low income families whose children are seeking participation in recreational activities.

FY 96 - \$8,250 FY 97 - \$10,087

Youth Support Counseling

• Provide counseling/Social work services and early intervention to non delinquent and their families.

FY 96 - \$16,000 FY 97 - \$22,008

Group Support and Education Programs

• Provide support groups and education for individuals experiencing life transitions.

FY 96 - \$7,500 FY 97 - \$9,169

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the RFP detailing the services listed above and a response package by writing or faxing a request to:

Crawford DSS, Attention SF/SC
P.O. Box 702
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(517) 348-3828 FAX

All proposals submitted in response to this request for proposals must be received at Crawford County D.S.S., P.O. Box 702, Grayling, MI 49738 no later than 4:30 pm on February 16, 1996.

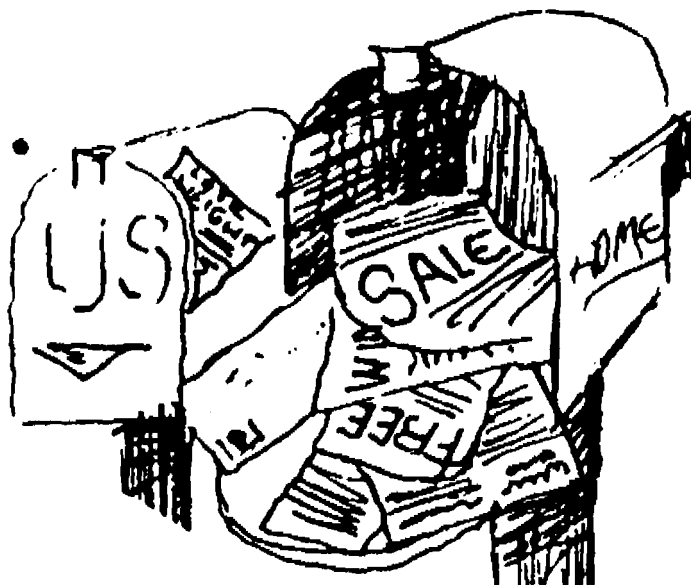
A bidder's conference will be held on Monday, February 12, 1996, 9 - 11 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church Family Center in Grayling. Attendance is recommended but not required.

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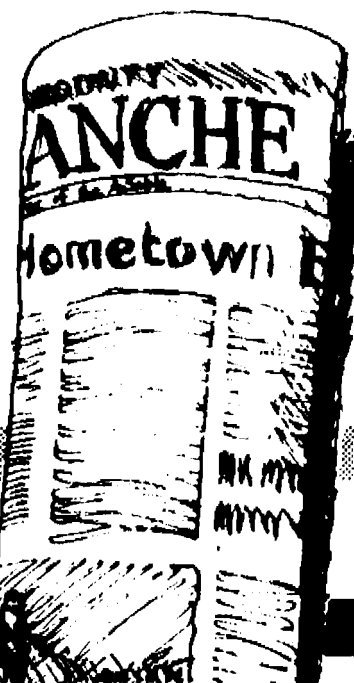


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102 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-6811

LEGAL ACTION

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, February 27, 1996, beginning at 7 pm, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

Case #96-1: Ron Chappel, petitioner.
1169 North I-75 B.L.
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Code: 20-040-044-0311-14-020-00
Location: North I-75 B.L., Section 31, T27N, R3W.
Approximately 40 acres.

A request to re-zone the rear approximately 20 acres currently zoned Recreational Forest (R-F) to Residential (R-1) for the purpose of developing a 40-acre site condominium consisting of 40 lots and common areas. Frontage along North I-75 B.L. will remain Commercial (C-1) to a depth of 500 feet, 20 acres more or less.

Case files and zoning maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township Clerk, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 96-0123-1

SCHEDULE OF BUILDING PERMIT DEPOSIT FEES

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Crawford County Building & Zoning Department to request Building Permit Deposit Fees;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following fees schedule be placed in effect;

One and Two Family Residential.....	\$200.00
Additions, Alterations, Accessory Structures, Demolitions and Swimming Pools.....	\$ 50.00
Multiple Per Unit.....	\$ 50.00
Maximum Per Building Multiple.....	\$500.00
Additions, Alterations, Accessory Structures and In-ground Pools.....	\$100.00

Commercial and Industrial.....	\$500.00
Additions, Alterations, Accessory Structures.....	\$300.00
Commercial and Industrial Signs.....	\$ 50.00
Temporary Signs.....	\$100.00

The Deposit Fee Return and Forfeiture policy will read as follows: Upon satisfactory completion of all final inspections required, and the issuance of certificate of occupancy, if applicable, the deposit fee(s) will be returned upon request, without interest.

Forfeiture shall read: By the execution hereof, the applicant agrees that, in the event the depositor of the fee(s) does not properly complete the inspection requirements within 90 days following the expiration date of the permit(s) the deposit fee(s) deposited hereunder shall be automatically forfeited to the County, without further notice to the depositor.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
Acting Chairperson

NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 96-0123-2

INCREASE OF FEE FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Crawford County Building & Zoning Department to raise the fees charged for copies;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the fee for copies of the Crawford County Zoning Ordinance and Packet and Blue Print be raised from \$25 to \$40 to cover the cost of copying.

I, the undersigned County Clerk of Crawford County duly certify that the foregoing Resolution was made a part of the Board proceedings at a Regular Board Meeting held January 23, 1996.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
Acting Chairperson

NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 96-0123

POSITION OF PROSECUTOR IN CRAWFORD COUNTY BE FULL TIME

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Prosecuting Attorney's office of Crawford County to represent residents of Crawford County and Governmental entities;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the position of Prosecuting Attorney for Crawford County shall henceforth be a full-time position with no private practice work. Responsibilities would include work done for governmental agencies, including the Road Commission for Crawford County, commencing January 1, 1997.

I, the undersigned County Clerk of Crawford County duly certify that the foregoing Resolution was made a part of the Board proceedings at a Regular Board Meeting held January 23, 1996.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
Acting Chairperson

NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 96-0123-3

REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Crawford County Building & Zoning Department to request that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners pass a Resolution requiring registration,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that all licensed Builders, Electricians and Mechanical Contractors be registered in the Building & Zoning Department before they can do business in Crawford County.

A building, electrical, or mechanical permit will not be issued until a current copy of the license issued by the State is presented and registered in our Building & Zoning Department. The cost of registration would be \$10 per license period.

I, the undersigned County Clerk of Crawford County duly certify that the foregoing Resolution was made a part of the Board proceedings at a Regular Board Meeting held January 23, 1996.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
Acting Chairperson

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Promissory Note and Mortgage made on the date of May 24, 1995 by John L. Wakeley, a single man, as mortgagor, to David A. Cruickshank and Betty M. Cruickshank, husband and wife, of Grayling, Michigan, as Lender said Mortgage being recorded June 16, 1995 at Liber 395 Page 408-409, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, upon which note there is claim to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$21,535.64), plus accrued interest at the rate of Ten Percent (10%), late fees and other allowable costs including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes and insurance;

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgages and the power of sale being contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of March, 1996 at 10:00 in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said promissory notes with interest thereon at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said promissory notes and mortgages. The land and the premises described in said mortgages are located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further described as follows:

The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, and any fees, taxes or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of the sale.

The property shall be offered for sale in parcels or in total.
CAREY & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
By: William L. Carey (P31602)
Attorney for David A.
And Betty M. Cruickshank
2375 S. I-75 Business loop,
PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5232

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RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS MEETING HELD ON JAN. 8, 1996

Meeting called to order by Mayor Gohnick at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Gohnick, Ruddy, Akers, Moshier, Stevens. Members absent: None. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Verma Meharg, City Treasurer, Brian of Hill, Schroderus & Co., Judy Morford.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of Dec. 11, 1995, be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: None. Communications were received and noted. City Investment Status Report. Letter to Jill Anderson re: Snowmobiles. Letter re: Cemetery Road Flowing. Mr. Morford will answer on behalf of City.

City Employee Week-end/Holiday Call List for 1996.

Letter from J. Alef re: ISTE & N. Down River Rd.

Emergency Services minutes of November 21 meeting.

Crawford County Board Minutes of Dec. 20, 1995 and Jan. 3, 1996.

Old Business.

Presentation of 1994-95 Audit Report. Brian of Hill, Schroderus & Co was present to go over the presentation of the 1994-95 Audit report and to answer questions from council.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy to accept Audit Report of 1994-95 as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Council thanked Brian for attending this meeting.

New Business.

Summer Tax Collection Request from Crawford Aulsebrook Schools.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers to collect the 1996 Summer Taxes for Crawford Aulsebrook Schools, COOR Intermediate and Kintland Community College as has been past practice provided that said units present all data needed in a timely manner so as not to disrupt city tax billing schedules. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Ten year award to Arthur E. Clough for service in the Grayling Fire Department.

Moved by Gohnick, supported by Stevens that

WHEREAS, ARTHUR E. CLOUGH became a member of the Grayling City and Township Fire Department on Jan. 7, 1986, and

WHEREAS, he has served with distinction for over ten (10) years as a Volunteer Fireman, and

WHEREAS, he has regularly attended weekly department meetings, training sessions and work details, and

WHEREAS, he has given of himself and his time in unselfish service to his community, and WHEREAS, he has achieved the rank of Lieutenant in said department.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Grayling that they hereby express their appreciation to ARTHUR E. CLOUGH for over ten (10) years of dedicated service to the citizens of Grayling and Grayling Township.

Adopted this 8th day of January 1996.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Reports of City Manager.

Planning Proposal from Mark Wyckoff.

Moved by Gohnick, supported by Stevens that the City Council authorize the City Manager to proceed with the planning effort outlined in the proposal along with Grayling Township.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

M.M. Legislative Conference on Feb. 21, 1996, in Lansing, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Gohnick and Mr. Morford will be attending.

New CCIDF Members/President. The two new at-large members are John Patchin and David Stevenson. The new President is Dave Frederick.

New Building Inspector. Joe Duran began his duties on Jan. 4, 1996, and will be working on city projects as needed.

County Plan Commission. They are looking for members.

1-73-74 Progress.

City Mail Route Changes. We have requested a carrier route on Galen & Clyde Streets to eliminate the on-street mail box problem.

Board of Appeals appointment needed for a 3-year term which begins Jan. 1, 1996, until Jan. 1, 1999.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Gohnick to appoint Arthur Thayer to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term pending his acceptance. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Work Camp Dividend and Rate Reduction. Tax Payment by Credit Card Enrolled H.B. 4818.

C-Tech Changes.

Reports of Council Members.

Mr. Moshier talked about Snowmobile Meeting he attended.

Christmas tree pick-up was discussed.

Adjournment.

Moved by Gohnick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

REQUEST FOR BIDS

NHF Sub DHD#1 is accepting bids for the "total turn key" design, renovation, and remodeling of an existing 3,000 sq. ft. building located at southeast intersection of East Michigan Ave. & North Down River Rd., Grayling, MI (the old EMS building) into offices and a clinic facility. A complete bid package is available from Northstar Management & Consulting, Inc., P.O. Box 424, Charlevoix, MI 49720, Tel. 616-547-5147 or the package may be picked up DHD #1 Offices, at 202 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI. Bids must be received by 2/23/96.

Wedding Invitations

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF:

Beaver Creek Township
Frederic Township
Grayling Township
Lovells Township
Maple Forest Township
South Branch Township
City of Grayling

All electors are hereby given notice that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in all the above townships and the city in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

Electors who wish to vote in the Presidential Primary Election must be registered to vote no later than Tuesday, February 20, 1996. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the county clerk's office or the township or city clerk's office.

The purpose of the election is to nominate candidates of the Republican and Democratic party for the office of President of the United States.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE:

During regular business hours - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, February 20, 1996 -- Last day for electors to register with the county clerk.

Electors who wish to register with the township or city clerks are advised to call ahead for office hours.

Sharon K. Hartman, Beaver Creek Township Clerk - 275-8878
Nancy Bindschattel, Frederic Township Clerk - 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton, Grayling Township Clerk - 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp, Lovells Township Clerk - 348-9215
Susan Keene, Maple Forest Township Clerk - 348-9801
Mary Mollon, South Branch Township Clerk - 275-8232
Jerry Morford, Grayling City Clerk - 348-2131

The polls of said election will be open at 7 am and will remain open until 8 pm on March 19, 1996.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

Wedding Invitations available at the AVALANCHE

NOTICE

USDA - Forest Service
Huron - Manistee National Forests
Mio Ranger District
Oscoda County, Michigan

The Mio Ranger District is inviting comments on several routine activities proposed for the 1996 field season which have historically been found to have no significant impact on the human environment. These activities include:

1) Small opening maintenance. Twenty stands totaling 87 acres would be mowed, brushed or otherwise cleared to provide habitat for wildlife species which depend on open areas for forage and/or other habitat requirements. Stands are located in SE Crawford County, SW Oscoda County, and NE Ogemaw County.

2) Creating small openings. Seven openings totaling 37 acres would be created in areas where small opening habitats are lacking or by enlarging existing openings where they occur naturally. Stands are located in the same areas as #1 above.

3) Creating dead and downed material. Dead standing and downed trees provide habitat for small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and a host of smaller creatures, many of which contribute to the forage base of larger birds and mammals. Dead and downed material is lacking in many red pine plantations. An average of 4-8 trees per acre would be girdled or cut down in 135 acres of red pine plantations to provide this habitat component. The poorest formed trees would be selected and therefore the stand's wood production capacity would not be significantly affected. Stands are located in areas listed above.

4) Creating waterholes. Ten small waterholes would be constructed in various locations. Water is an important resource for many wildlife species and is a limiting factor in many areas. These waterholes would provide a much needed water source, especially in the summer months. Waterholes would be excavated about 8 feet deep and 20 feet in diameter, lined with plastic, backfilled with soil to cover the plastic, and revegetated.

5) Hill climb rehabilitation. Three areas that have suffered damage due to illegal off road vehicle use would be closed and revegetated. Areas are located in T28N, R3E, section 17, T28N, R4E, section 7, and T24N, R3E, section 12.

6) Upgrading the Helmer Lake Campground. The camping area located on South Helmer Lake in Big Creek Twp. at T25N, R2E, section 22, would be upgraded from a dispersed camping to a designated camping area. From 2-4 sites would be designated depending on an area analysis being conducted this spring.

7) Horse rides and events. Permits, renewable for three years, would be issued for organized horse rides/events on the Michigan Shore to Shore riding trail. Events will occur May through October.

8) Motorized trail tours. A permit, renewable for three years, would be issued to allow the ORV Safety patrol to hold its annual trail tour fundraiser on the established ORV trail system. The events will occur in April or May.

Please send comments to District Ranger, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, 401 Court Street, Mio, MI 48647. For more information, please contact Loren Ford, District Ranger at 517-826-3252.

FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: Feb. 4 - 10, 1996

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 The next few weeks will be hectic. New office procedures are on the horizon and you're skills will be called upon.
- TAURUS** April 20 - May 20 Financially, you're in good shape. Health-wise, though, you need an overhaul. Diet and exercise.
- GEMINI** May 21 - June 20 While budgeting your finances, prepare to also budget your time. Organization is the key.
- CANCER** June 21 - July 22 Don't get bogged down in negotiations and discussions. Take a leap of faith. Follow your intuition.
- LEO** July 23 - Aug 22 Get your priorities in order. There is not enough time to do everything you want to do. Put your needs before wants.
- VIRGO** Aug 23 - Sept 22 Too many demands create resentment. Not everyone is a workaholic. Get a life and lighten up.
- LIBRA** Sept 23 - Oct 22 There may be more precipitation indoors than out. Don't let minor problems snowball into major catastrophes.
- SCORPIO** Oct 23 - Nov 21 Your abilities to handle money matters will be called upon to cut the budget. Use common cents.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22 - Dec 21 Some secrets cannot be kept. Don't allow someone to get in over his head. Take charge of a bad situation.
- CAPRICORN** Dec 22 - Jan 19 Long term goals may have to be re-adjusted. Don't despair...time changes all things.
- AQUARIUS** Jan 20 - Feb 18 Don't procrastinate. Act on your decisions and don't look back. Just do the best you can.
- PISCES** Feb 19 - March 20 Start now to prepare for tax time. And begin now to keep better records for next year!



NIKKI (SHORT FOR NICHOLAS) NEEDS A HOME-This 2-year-old male, golden retriever/cocker mix is housebroken. If you would like to give him a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

The salt used to thaw snow and ice can dry and crack your dog's paws, so use a damp towel to wipe off his feet and underside, advises the Animal Protection Institute.

If your dog lives outside during the winter, keep plenty of fresh water available and make sure it isn't frozen, advises the Animal Protection Institute. Also, don't use metal bowls. Your dog's tongue can easily stick to the freezing metal.

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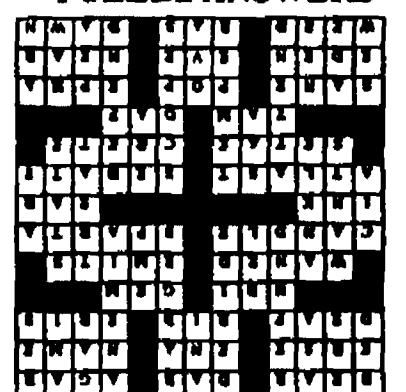
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- Ethiopian title
- Morning
- Bunk
- Before
- Abijah's son
- Rebate
- Ridicule
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- Emblem
- Blood deficiency
- Long-bodied fish
- Friend, in Paris
- Thing, in law
- Fruit, Ind.
- Employer, abbr.
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- Give medical care
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THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



- Cent. Intelligence Agency, init.
- Metric measure
- Be present
- Old Arab measure
- Disposition
- "Monkey trial" defendant
- Age
- Protect
- Stitch
- Soft drink
- Born
- Eggs
- Legume
- Hawthorn berry
- Alder tree, Scot.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago Feb. 8, 1973

A new monarch will reign over the 48th annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival this coming weekend, when Miss Grayling for 1973 was announced at the kickoff dinner dance at Bear Mountain last Thursday.

Ann Haskel, 17, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Haskel, won the coveted crown over four other lovely contestants at the Grayling Pageant held on Saturday, Jan. 27.

The appointment of Ralph Stevens to the newly-created position of director of administrative services at Bear Archery, Division Victor Comptometer Corporation, has been announced by Alan E. Beatty, Bear executive vice president. Stevens previously was in charge of the management information system (computer operations).

Tony Buron and Bill Golnick were honored by area law enforcement personnel at a surprise dinner party held Thursday night at the Grayling Sportsman's Club. County Clerk Leo Lovely presented plaques to both officers in appreciation for their years of faithful and dedicated service to the community. Both Buron, with 15 years of service, and Golnick with 30 years, are retiring from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gauthier, Betty Hawley, Helen Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Millikin, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Calkins and Mr. and Mrs. Don Fairbotham spent Thursday evening at the Saginaw Civic Center seeing and listening to Charlie Pride.

Terry VanNuck of Star Route, Box 39-F, Grayling, has been awarded a bachelor of business degree at Eastern Michigan University at its 24th Winter Commencement held recently.

Chuck Muth underwent surgery Wednesday in Ann Arbor and is presently in the Intensive Care Unit there.

Pfc. Phillip Lennert, son of Mrs. Bernice Lennert, is home on leave from San Diego, California, after completing his basic training in the Marines. He is spending the time visiting his family at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Palmer. Following his leave, he will go for further training in the Marine Corp.

Jim Harris returned home after being a patient at Hurley Hospital in Flint. On Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 and 10, the members of the junior high

choirs will present their annual operetta. This year's production is *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. The lead role of Snow White is portrayed by Maureen Hoffman.

46 years ago Feb. 9, 1950

Rev. R. C. Puffer officiated at the Saturday evening rites which united in marriage Miss Sally Jane McClain and LeRoy Papendick at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Papendick, at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McClain, Sr., are the parents of the bride. Bouquets of snapdragons and roses provided a setting for the double-ring ceremony.

The Grayling Vikings dropped two more basketball games last week, as they lost to Boyne City there last Tuesday night, and dropped a close one at home Friday night to Harbor Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Caid and daughter, Margie Harwood, attended the wedding of Bud Caid and Phyllis Miller at the Methodist Church in Elkhart last Saturday.

A shower at the Town Hall Monday night for Mrs. Harold Mertes was well attended with about 30 ladies there. She received some lovely gifts. A nice lunch was served by Mrs. Cora Hinkle, Mrs. Millie Harmer and Mrs. Doris Bigham.

Dr. Hurd of Gaylord, gave the Bangs test to 107 head of cattle in Maple Forest Township last week. No reactors were reported.

City Manager Max Davenport was the speaker at the Monday night Kiwanis meeting. He reported on city progress during the past year, which consisted of blacktopping of the three downtown blocks of Michigan Avenue and the building of the mausoleum at Elmwood Cemetery.

The games played Saturday evening for the benefit of the Feldhauser School was well attended. Proceeds went to help pay for the school piano with a good sum left for the treasury. Mrs. J. T. Stillwagon, teacher, sponsored the games.

Bill's Laundry It, formerly S and N, new location, 710 Michigan, rear entrance. Open Feb. 13.

Larry McNamara and Tom Anthony are enjoying vacations at their homes here from college at Mt. Pleasant and Ferris.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denz of Detroit, have moved to make their permanent home on Keystone Road, Grayling Township, in the Settle-right cabin

built for them by George Skingley two years ago.

Happy over the arrival of baby girls on Feb. 1, are the Dohn Weavers and the Donald Bohemoyers.

Carl Johnson won the \$5 at the Kruger Food Market Friday. Starting Feb. 6, all the tickets will be kept in the barrel until April 28, when a pair of waders will be given for first prize and a flyrod for second.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Madsen and Mr. and Mrs. Norman May dropped in at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thane Hendershot on Saturday evening for a housewarming party. A spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by all.

Wm. Leng Garage sold five new Dodge and Plymouths last week.

69 years ago Feb. 10, 1927

Miss Margaret Jensen is driving a new Chevrolet coupe delivered to her last week by the local dealer, Frank Tetu.

Frank Beckman, barber at the Walter Cowell Barber Shop, and family have moved from the south side to the Turner house on Park Street.

Mrs. J. Skinner was a victim of a slippery sidewalk, when she fell Saturday, breaking her right arm between the elbow and wrist.

Andy Hart's toboggan was stolen one day last week from his front porch.

Born Wednesday night, Feb. 2, a daughter, who has been named Gertrude Fedora, to Mr. and Mrs. William Weiss. The Weiss family moved to Grayling recently from Riverview, and are nicely settled in the old Insley house on Peninsular Avenue.

Miss Ruth Stillwagon and Edgar J. Caid, well-known young people of Lovells, were united in marriage at Gaylord on Jan. 29.

Floyd McClain has resigned his position as manager of the S.B. Variety Store and accepted a position as sales man for the Fisk Tire Co.

Mrs. Louis Kessler invited a number of friends Tuesday evening of last week to help Mr. Kessler celebrate his birthday anniversary.

Frederic High School is rejoicing over a formal notice received Thursday by Supt. John Payne, which puts the Frederic school officially on the accredited school list.

The children of Percy Budd of Lovells, have been ill with the measles.

94 years ago Feb. 13, 1902

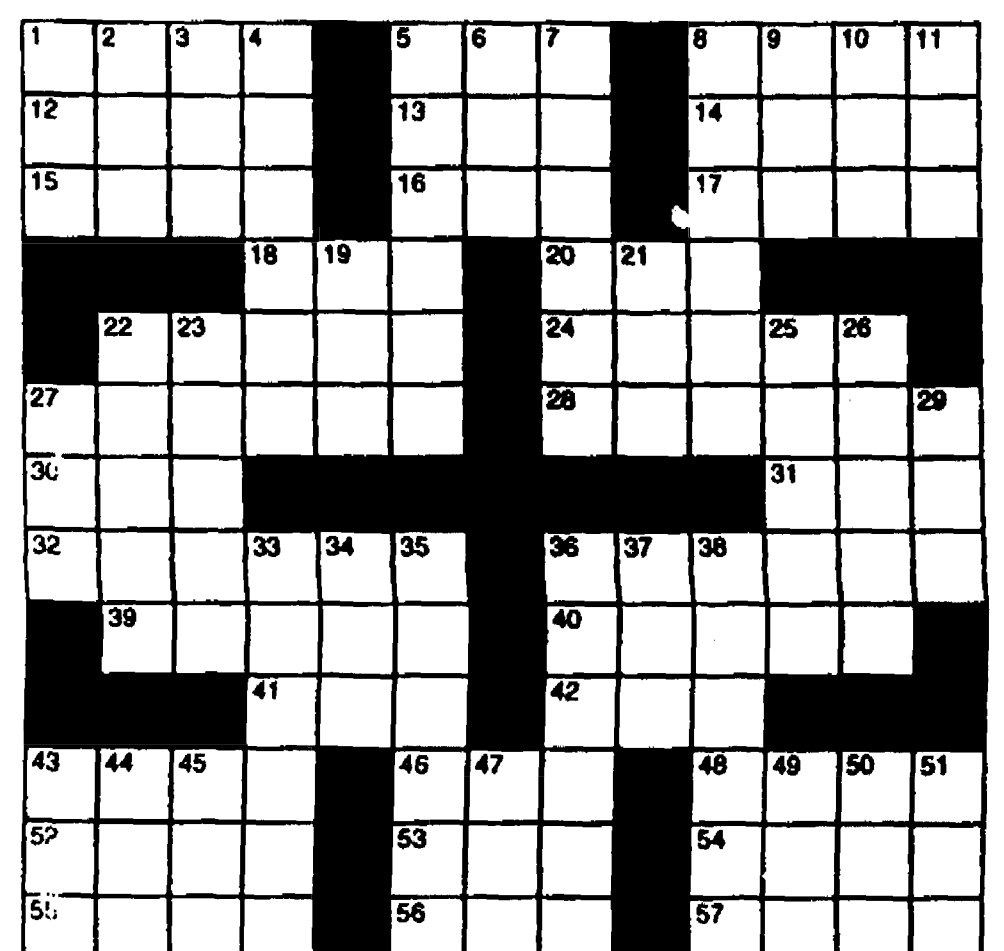
Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelson Monday, the 23rd, a son.

Arthur Brink went to Deward Tuesday to take the position of machinist for the Detroit and Charlevoix Railroad Co.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Failing of Beaver Creek Township, Thursday, Feb. 6, a son, John, has not yet decided whether he will put this fellow on the farm, in the mill or fit him for political office.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Johnson have moved in here from West Branch, and settled in the cottage next to Robert McElroy's residence.

Mrs. Charles Butler's class in the M. E. Sunday school numbering 15, gave her a surprise party Tuesday evening.



Editor's Quote Book

Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.

Aldo Leopold

Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.

Proverbs 17:6

LOCAL WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for cloudy skies, with a 50 percent chance of light snow. The highs will be in the low 30s. Thursday, calls for a mixture of rain and snow, with the highs in the upper 30s, and the lows in the mid 20s. Friday and Saturday both call for partly-cloudy skies. Friday's highs will be in the low to mid 30s, with the lows near 20. Saturday's highs will be in the upper 30s, with the lows in the 20s.
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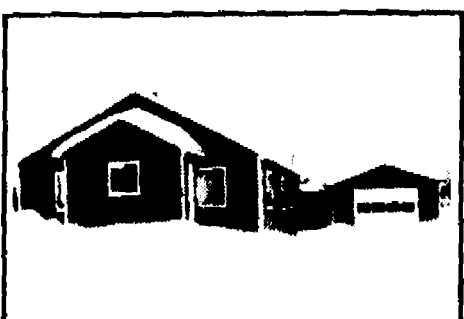
LOCATED ON QUIET CITY STREET close to schools and hospital, this three bedroom, one bath home offers convenient city living, a partial basement and a one car garage. \$43,900. KM-322



IDEAL RENTAL PROPERTY Zoned commercial. Four bedrooms and two baths. Great location close to town. Kitchen and bath renovated one year ago. Attached garage. \$36,500. JG-299



NEW LISTING - One-year-old, three bedroom, two bath modular. Great floor plan offers two full baths, garden tub, walk-in closet, fireplace in family room, island kitchen with eat-in facility, formal dining room, energy efficient 6" sidewalks and upgraded windows. Property sits directly across road from state land. \$87,900. BSO-317



REMODELED IN '88 This up-to-date, three bedroom home offers spacious living. Kitchen, dining, living room, one bath, full basement and a 20'x24' attached garage. \$49,500. KM-323



100 FEET OF FRONTAGE on Shupac Lake in Lovell. Beautiful wooded setting makes this the perfect place to enjoy northern Michigan at its best. Two bedroom cottage with large living room with fireplace, nice kitchen, eating area with view of the lake, full bath with shower, completely furnished, partial basement and storage shed. Priced right at \$92,000. JG-223



START OUT THE NEW YEAR IN A BRAND NEW HOME with maintenance-free exterior. This 2-bedroom, two bath home is just waiting to be finished. Floor plan offers walk-in closet, dressing room, large utility room, with great room. Located in Sherwood Forest. Land contract terms possible. \$51,500. BSO-271

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Three bedroom, one bath, two-story home in the city of Grayling. Sitting on a large corner lot, this home has some remodeling done to the inside and is a must see. \$32,500. #3804



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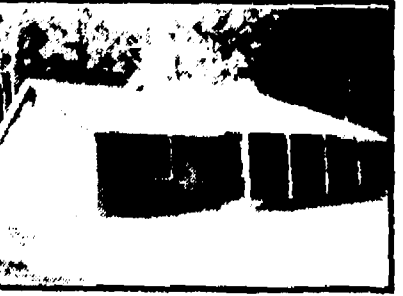
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5688 M-72 West, Grayling

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THREE BEDROOM HOME Two blocks from town, large fenced yard, working couple. \$450 month, available after March 1st. Call 348-4962, after 5:00 pm. 2/8/96/2

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TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent, must have references, no pets. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, Grayling. -8/2

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THREE BEDROOM HOME at 208 Golf View, available March 1st. \$549. One bedroom apartment at 201 Fulton, \$340. Both well maintained and clean. Senior citizen and single person discount. Section 8 approved. References. Call Ron at Cornell Insurance, 348-6761. 2/8/96/2

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2. For Rent

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CARPETED ROOMS with kitchen privileges, reasonable, weekly or monthly. Spruce Motor Lodge, downtown Roscommon. LR3/28/96/2

OFFICE SPACE plus secretarial area, both furnished. On Business Loop, parking, with sign available, \$250 per month, plus deposit. Includes utilities. Call 348-5433 or 348-8336. 11/2/95U/2

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1. Must be 56 years of age or handicapped/disabled
2. Maximum income level of \$18,250 for 1 person
3. Maximum income level of \$20,850 for 2 persons

Call 517-348-9314 if you are interested, or stop by the Grayling Housing Commission, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, MI and pick up an application.

3. Employment

ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICE OPPORTUNITY The Traverse City Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (union and contractors, jointly) are accepting applications for the Inside Wireman Five Year Construction Electricians Apprenticeship Program. The recruitment, selection employment and training of apprentices is without discrimination as to race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin. Women and members of minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Previous electrical experience also welcome. Applicants must reside in the geographical jurisdiction of the committee. Applications will be available March 18th through March 29th at the Traverse City M.E.S.C. office at 1144 Boon Street during business hours. Contact Don Clover and Dennis Russell at 616-922-5252 for information. -1-8/3

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MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER Part-time Medical Social Worker position available as part of Preventive Services Team. MSW preferred; BSW with appropriate clinical background/experience considered. Teamwork skills and interest/experience in medical social work important. Contact Mary Anne VanOosterhout, Preventive Services Coordinator, Northern Michigan Health Services, 9249 A W. Lake City Rd., Houghton Lake, MI, (517)422-5148. -1-8/3

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for contingent nursing positions in the Grayling area, please call In Home Help at 1-800-968-9247. -8-15/3

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3. Employment

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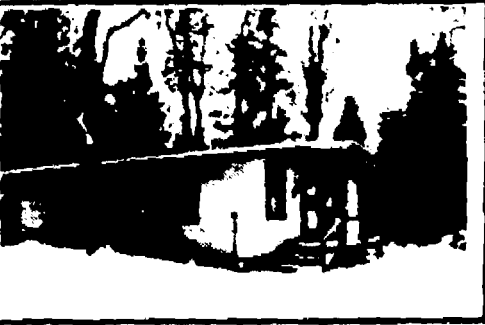
IN THE CITY! Recently remodeled 2,265 sq. ft. home with five bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large living room and family room. New paint, carpeting upstairs, new drywall in full basement, new built-in dishwasher and ceramic tile counters in kitchen. Lots of cabinets, old fashion claw tub, large walk-in closets and lots of storage. \$68,000. CS-295



CLOSE ACCESS TO AUSEABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM - Two-three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths with 1,280 sq. ft. of living space. Recently remodeled with quality attention to detail. Custom kitchen/baths, track/recessed lighting, ceramic tile, new roof, siding and Pella windows. Appliances negotiable. Also includes a 12x60 mobile home, ideal for guest or rental house. \$79,900. CH-321



ENJOY QUIET RELAXING SURROUNDINGS on 3.5 acres with hundreds of acres of state land across the road. This three bedroom, two bath offers 1,152 sq. ft., master suite has a whirlpool tub. Recently remodeled with new floor and wall coverings. Satellite dish and controls stay, plus antenna with booster and intercom from house to garage. \$58,900. CS-327



ADJOINS THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF STATE LAND Ideal cottage for the outdoor enthusiast. Cabin is 20x20 two bedrooms, kitchen/dining area, cook stove, gas lights-wired, refrigerator, hand pump/well in kitchen, bath with path. Land contract terms. \$12,500. CH-133



MOBILE HOME CONVENIENTLY LOCATED TO TOWN! 546 sq. ft. of living space, sunken family room, bay window in living room, two bedrooms, 20x20 unfinished garage, LP gas forced air heat plus woodstove. \$15,500. CS-150



COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL Four bedroom home, partial basement, large three car garage, heated workshop, enclosed porch, family room, stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer, all on three acres fronting M-72 West. Only \$39,900. CH-245



TALKING HOUSE

IN THE CITY and close to everything! Recently remodeled home offers 1,280 sq. ft., two bedrooms, den, large living room, natural gas heat, city water and sewer, partial basement, large utility room, new garage, new vinyl siding on house & garage, new roof on house five years ago. \$47,000. CH-266



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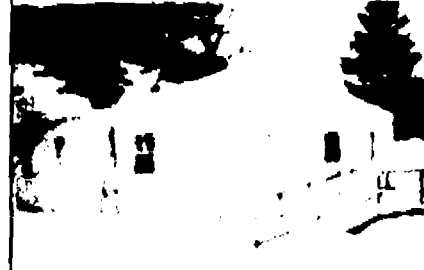
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HUNTER'S & SNOWMOBILERS' SPECIAL - 12x18 cabin with gas lights and heat, furnishings included, bath with path, secluded \$5,900. (LM-886)



FAMILY HOME on three acres, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood heater, newer carpet and septic, garage and a workshop. Lots of room with over 2,100 square feet. \$79,900. (DL-25)



LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS HOME - Three bedrooms, two baths, additional insulation, fenced yard, large storage shed, new septic and driveway in 1993. \$42,900. Reduced to \$35,500. (NN-406)



GRAYLING MOBILE ESTATES - 720 sq. ft., two bedroom mobile home in good condition. Refrigerator, new stove, dishwasher, hook-up for washer & dryer, garage. \$22,500. (MC-497)



COMMERCIAL LOCATION on M-72 west of Grayling, 3 bedroom home, duplex and commercial building. Frontage on M-72 at M-72 Road. Existing business could start a new one. \$59,900. (LM-871)



SALTBOX on five acres of secluded property. Three bedrooms, two baths, attached garage, sauna, workshop, root cellar, dog kennel and much more. \$89,800. (JW-46)



FOREST ROAD - 1,320 sq. ft., four bedrooms, large country kitchen, custom deck, patio, dog house, large wooded lot, Kalkaska school district. \$47,500. (MC-482)



REMODELED HOME ON STATE STREET - Four bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new, large family room over partial basement, new furnace, roof, vinyl siding and much more. \$67,900. Motivated sellers. Reduced \$49,900. (N-565)

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\$5.60	\$5.70	\$5.80	\$5.90	\$6.00	\$6.10	\$6.20
\$6.30	\$6.40	\$6.50	\$6.60	\$6.70	\$6.80	\$6.90
\$7.00	\$7.10	\$7.20	\$7.30	\$7.40	\$7.50	\$7.60

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1/25/96U/5

5. For Sale

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1/11/96U/5

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MIXED HARDWOOD Firewood, seasoned, stored inside, no ice or snow. \$45 cord. Call 348-9289.
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6. Wanted

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-8-15-22/6

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-8/6

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8. Announcements

WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS'S Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, if you are a newcomer, engaged, or a new mother.
8/3/95U/8

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11/23/95U/8

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February 16 - 17th

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8. Announcements

Lost in Karen Woods

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8. Announcements

Northern Michigan Health Services

The Northern Michigan Health Services is seeking an individual to serve on the Board of Directors. Northern Michigan Health Services (NMHS) is a private non-profit corporation whose purpose is to develop and provide health care services in Roscommon, Crawford and surrounding counties. NMHS currently operates Houghton Lake Health Services in Houghton Lake, the Grayling Primary Health Care in Grayling and the Northpoint Clinic in Roscommon.

Any individual interested in serving should call (517) 422-5148.

9. Personals

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★ ★ Congratulations Kate ★ ★
Grayling Junior Miss 1996



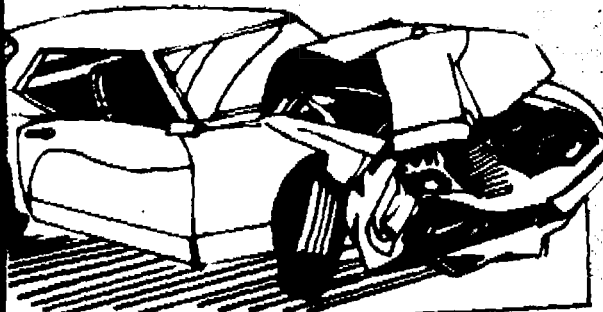
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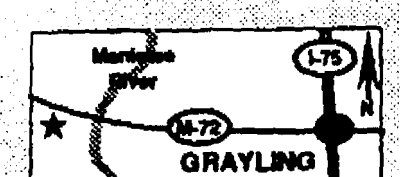
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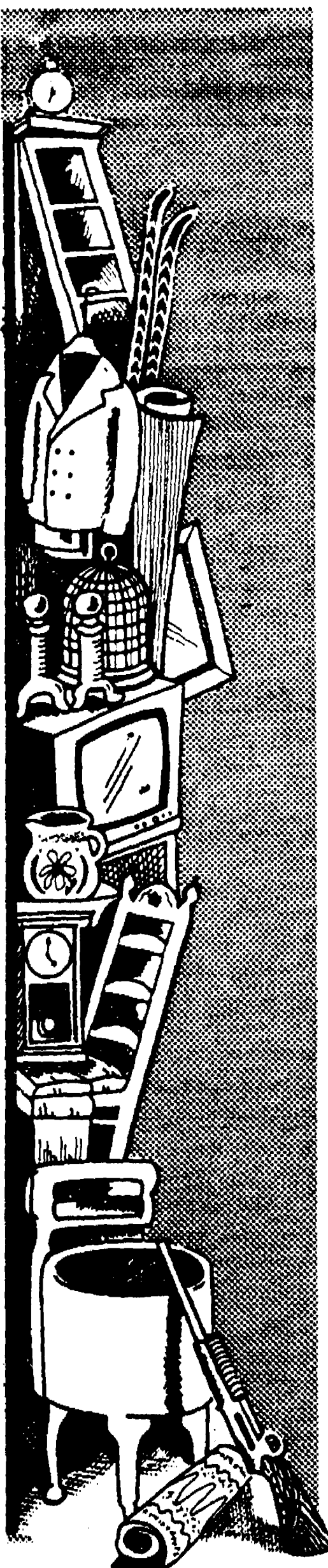
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County board considers appointing road commissioners

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

With two seats coming up for election this fall on the road commission, Crawford County Commissioner Bruce Bretzke proposed changing the positions from an elected position to an appointed position.

At the county board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6, the board voted to draw up an enabling resolution which would decertify the road commission of Crawford County and henceforth make it an appointed position. The vote passed four to one, with Commissioner Robert McLachlan voting against the motion. Commissioner Robert Smock was absent.

Bretzke proposed the change in order to make the road commissioners more receptive to the people of Crawford County. It was recently announced that Crawford County would not receive any funding from state government for resurfacing of roads until 1999.

"From now until 1999, their is going to be a scramble for money to take care of potholes," said Bretzke. He stated that he felt the road commissioners needed to be more directly respon-

sible to the citizens of Crawford County.

The road commissioners would be responsible to a 2-year county commissioner and "could be removed with cause if he didn't represent the people he was there to represent," said Bretzke.

It was noted by Bretzke that three-fourths of the counties in Michigan currently appoint the members of their road commissions.

Commissioner John Hartman supported Bretzke's motion. He stated that he based his support on a letter to the county commissioners from Beaver Creek stating they were unhappy with the road commission.

"I believe this would be a much more truly representative thing for the citizens of Crawford County," said Hartman.

Commissioner Dennis Long asked if districts could be set up and appoint

road commissioners by districts. Bretzke noted the addresses of road commission candidates could certainly be taken into consideration when making the appointments.

Commissioner McLachlan noted that there had been a heated debate in the county about 20 years ago about whether the road commission should be appointed or elected.

Bretzke stated that he had received many complaints about the road commission. If his constituents were unhappy with the road commission's handling of a matter, he had no way to help solve their problem.

Crawford County Sheriff Department Sheriff Patrol

By Linda Sherwood

For the week of Jan. 29 - Feb. 5

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 107 incidents during the week of Monday, Jan. 29 through Monday, Feb. 5. The incidents ranged from a house fire to a five car accident on Old US 27. Of the 107 incidents, 37 were of a noncriminal nature.

A five car pileup was reported to the department by The Road Commission For Crawford County on Monday, Feb. 5 at approximately 8:30 a.m. The accident occurred in front of the former location of Al Bennett Ford on the I-75 Business Loop. No one was injured in the accident.

The pileup was just one of 15 accidents investigated by the department during the week. In addition to accidents, the department also investigated three incidents of operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor.

There were six incidents reported involving snowmobiles in the county. Four of those were accidents. A snowmobile hit and run was reported on Friday, Feb. 2 on W. County Road 612 at 1:30 p.m. The registration number on the sled was obtained. The snowmobile was last seen heading towards Lovells. Deputies attempted to contact the owner by telephone. A message was left on the answering machine, according to reports.

Two accidents involving snowmobiles ended with trips to the Emergency Room at Grayling Mercy Hospital. An Ohio man was injured on Friday at approximately 10:30 p.m. He was transported to Mercy via ambulance. The accident occurred near Walsh Road.

Malicious destruction of property was reported on Saturday on Deerheart Valley. It was reported that a snowmobile ran down mailboxes. The incident occurred around noon.

A power outage on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 4:35 a.m. required 911 services to be transmitted to another county temporarily. The power was restored by 7 a.m. Consumers Power stated the outage was due to low temperatures as gas at a substation in the power lines liquified due to the -45 degree temperatures.

A missing 3rd grader was located within minutes of the report to the sheriff's department. He was located on W. County Road 612 less than 10 minutes after he was reported missing. He was returned to school.

During the week deputies also investigated two Criminal Sexual Conduct complaints, one assault, two breaking and enterings, which occurred on Hickey Creek and Airport Road. Other investigations included two fires, three hazardous conditions, nine suspicious situations and one natural death.

Sting, CCSD seize six pounds of marijuana

A small amount of cocaine and one and a half pounds of marijuana was seized during the execution of a search warrant in Frederic Township by Crawford County Sheriff Department and STING officers on Saturday, Feb. 3, according to a department press release.

Officers also obtained \$3,000 in cash and a vehicle during the search. A 43-year-old Frederic resident was arrested at the scene for delivery of marijuana, which is a 4-year felony, according to the report. Officers indicate that a warrant will be requested for a second subject.

A second arrest was made by STING officers and sheriff deputies on Sunday, Feb. 4 at approximately 12:30 a.m.

A 46-year-old Grayling Township resident was arrested at his home on a warrant, according to the department.

Deputies indicate that a search of the residence revealed approximately four to five pounds of marijuana. The subject was later arrested for possession with intent to deliver marijuana, a 1-year felony and/or a \$20,000 fine.

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